



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2011**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on September 28, 2011 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Scott Rozanas at 12:07p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate, and Ken Wise. Others present were Scott Rozanas-Business Development Manager, Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant, Chet Olson-Mayor, and Dave Plyman-City Manager. Absent: Malcolm Patterson.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ken Wise and seconded by Randy Wakenight to approve the minutes of July 28, 2011. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Review of Financial Results

Scott Rozanas reviewed with the board the financials of the City Industrial Rail (CIR). No additional comments were made.

IV. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

V. Status Report on Projects in Progress

A. Nippon Sharyo

The Japanese Rail company, Nippon Sharyo continues to move forward. Swanson was hired as the contractor for the rail and will begin working early in October. Scott noted that the rail will be taken around the billboard rather than moving the billboard as previously planned. An additional .22 acres of land was acquired from ProLogis to accommodate this change. The rail work is scheduled to be completed in April of 2012.

B. True Grit

True Grit also continues to move forward. True Grit plans to break ground in October.

C. Atwood Property

The City of Rochelle purchased on closed on 1.49 acres of land referred to as the Atwood Property. BP is closing the wells on this property. The current plan is to have 4 -2,000ft. Rail tracks on this property.

D. Quiet Zone

The City of Rochelle initiated a noise study recently; the results indicated that Rochelle is favorable for a Quiet Zone. The obstacles with creating a Quiet Zone are the expenses involved with installation and ongoing maintenance. Scott and Sam Tesrau, City Engineer will continue to explore this possibility.

E. 9th Street Crossing

The Burlington Junction Railway had a 30 day deadline to get back to IDOT with their plan to fix this crossing. Scott is going to be following up with Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the status of these plans.



F. Creston Road Crossing

Work to repair the crossing will begin soon. The rail will be down for a weekend but will not have an impact on deliveries for industries. Scott stated that he is working with Sam Tesrau to be sure all of the industries are aware of the repairs and a press release with a suggested truck route and details of the closure will be released soon.

VI. Old Business

No old business to review.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. CIR Insurance Coverage

Scott reported to the Board that he has been working with Lynette Fischer, Human Resources/Risk Manager to ensure that the City Industrial Rail (CIR) has the proper insurance for the functions of the CIR. Bob Wingate, Burlington Junction Railway, stated that he would be sure the City of Rochelle is listed under their insurance policy

B. Long Term Strategic Plan

The Board spent time working on a Strategic Plan for the City Industrial Rail (CIR). Ideas and suggestions were given for a mission statement and goals; this will be an ongoing project for the Board.

C. Next Meeting November 17, 2011

It was noted that the next meeting will be November 17, 2011 at 12 noon.

VIII. Comments from the Board

No comments from the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ken Wise and seconded by Randy Wakenight to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Submitted By,

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