



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 28, 2013**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on February 28, 2013 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Scott Rozanas at 12:00p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Ken Wise and seconded by Malcolm Patterson to approve the minutes of December 13, 2012. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**III. Review of Financial Results**

The board reviewed the rail revenue financial statements; there were no additional comments.

**IV. Comments from the Public**

No comments from the public.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Quiet Zone**

Scott reported to the board the Quiet Zone project continues to progress well. Fehr-Graham put together a proposal that would help determine the feasibility of Quiet Zones at the various crossings and what would need to be done to accommodate these requirements. Some of the next steps include City Council approval, diagnostic reviews and acquiring waivers where needed. The City Manager and City Engineer are not perusing closing at least 10 of the 11 crossings at this time.

**B. Steward Road Land Strip**

The City Manager is recommending the purchase of this land in the new fiscal year, which starts May 1, 2013. He is working with city staff on a price.



### **C. Current Rail Industry Projects – Coated Sand Solutions**

Coated Sand Solutions continues to work to acquire contracts. They are producing sand and have several rail cars waiting to be shipped.

### **D. 2012 City of Rochelle Railroad expansion projects**

The rail expansion projects are all completed at this time.

### **E. Lead Track Agreement Renewal Status**

Myles Tobin created a draft of the new “Switching Services Agreement”. This document has been reviewed by the City and Attorney Alan Cooper. Throughout this process, awareness has increased about the need to capitalize on the significance of the City of Rochelle Railroad as an asset. The City is working with Ryder and the BJRY regarding this. As a result, the City has extended the due diligence for renegotiation of the LTA contract until 7-1-13. The City remains very satisfied with the relationship with and quality of Ryder and the BJRY.

## **VII. New Business Discussion Items**

### **A. Class 1 Interactions**

Work continues to take place with the Union Pacific in regards to the Jack Dame Road Overpass. The UP has been helpful and processing through any issues they have in regards to placement of the overpass. The BNSF relationship continues to be improving and they were out recently for a tour of the CIR.

### **B. New Rail Projects/Opportunities**

Currently looking into transloading options but not too much else in regards to rail projects.

### **C. Inland Transportation Port of Rochelle**

The board further discussed the possibility of Rochelle becoming a Port Authority. The board chose to keep this item on the agenda and continue to discuss and build knowledge of what a Port Authority would mean for the City of Rochelle.

### **D. Ryder Update**

Lenny Reynolds reported they have been very busy and been handling a lot of Boise Cascade cars. Coated Sand Solutions sent 4 full cars out today and 2 others earlier in the month.

### **E. BJRY Update**

No update was give as Bob Wingate was not present.



**F. Next Meeting – April 25, 2013.**

**VIII. Comments from the Board**

No additional comments from the board.

**VIII. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Ken Wise and seconded by Lenny Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.*

Submitted By,

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