



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2013**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on July 25, 2013 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Jason Anderson at 12:05p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Malcolm Patterson, Lenny Reynolds and Bob Wingate. Absent from the meeting were: Randy Wakenight and Ken Wise. Others present were, Jeff Leon-WRHL, Jason Anderson-Economic Development Director, Mark Delhotal- Airport Manager/Business Development and Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lenny Reynolds and seconded by Bob Wingate to approve the minutes of February 28, 2013. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review of Financial Results

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

4. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

5. Old Business

A. Quiet Zone

Mark Delhotal reported that City Council has approved a contract with Quiet Zone Tech. Quiet Zone Tech, along with Fehr-Graham will review each crossing. Funding for this project is yet to be determined.

B. Steward Road Land Strip

The City of Rochelle is working with Alan Cooper and Myles Tobin (a rail attorney) on the Ryder Contract. The intent is not to renew the current contract with Ryder but enter into negotiations for a new contract. The City remains very satisfied with the relationship with and quality of Ryder and the BJRY.

C. Inland Transportation Port of Rochelle

Ken Wise was not present at the meeting and he is the lead on this project. This topic will be moved to the next meeting and Mark Delhotal will follow up with Ken Wise prior to that meeting.

6. New Business Discussion Items

A. City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion Project Updates

1. CSS/IRE rail extended across Steward Road – this project is complete.
2. Adding siding on Caron Road, south of I-88 – this project is complete.
3. Adding more track for storage at the corner of Creston and Caron Road – this project is complete.
4. Nippon Sharyo rail – this project is complete.



The City of Rochelle is working on an extension of the rail south in order to handle unit trains. There are meetings taking place in the next few weeks to discuss funding options, as well as, finalize the sale of the land from GREDCO to the City of Rochelle.

B. Class 1 Interactions

Jason reported that over the past few weeks he has had meetings with management groups from both Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa-Fe on how to improve efficiency and safety and bring in more rail operations to the City of Rochelle. Jason stated that he is looking into the Creston Road, Caron Road, and Wiscold Drive crossings and how to make those safer. Mark is going to follow up with Noah Carmichael on the ICC application status.

C. Ryder Update

Lenny Reynolds reported that they were busy in June. Ryder has done some preventative track maintenance.

D. BJRY Update

Bob Wingate reported they have been in discussion with Coated Sand Solutions on transloading raw sand. Bob also mentioned that there needs to be a “stop at tracks” sign on the west side of the BNSF tracks at Steam Plant Road. Mark is going to talk to Tim Isley at the Street Department about this. It was also noted that Bob Wingate is going to introduce Mark to Greg Goy.

7. Next Meeting

September 26, 2013

8. Comments from the Board

No additional comments from the board.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lenny Reynolds and seconded Bob Wingate to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted By,

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