



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on September 26, 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: Lenny Reynolds Randy Wakenight and Bob Wingate. Absent from the meeting were: Malcolm Patterson and Ken Wise. Others present were, Jason Anderson- Economic Development Director, Mark Delhotal- Airport Manager/Business Development, Chet Olson – Mayor, Ed Rice-Councilman and Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Randy Wakenight and seconded by Bob Wingate to approve the minutes of July 25, 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

Mayor Olson asked that an attendance sheet be added to the meeting packets, as well as, an expense sheet for the Railroad fund.

5. Old Business

A. Quiet Zone

Mark Delhotal reported on October 15 a team (including the UP, BNSF, Fehr-Graham, ICC, FRA, City of Rochelle, and IDOT) will conduct a diagnostic review of each crossing. A report will then be sent to Quiet Zone Technologies.

B. Lead Track Agreement Renewal Status

A meeting is being set up for October 16th to meet with Ryder and the Burlington Junction Railway to begin discussions on the renewal of the contract.

C. Other

The City of Rochelle, Ryder and Burlington Junction Railway will be participating in a Rail Summit in Chicago on October 24 and 25. The three entities have also been invited to a MARS Summit in January 2014 which they will plan to attend.

6. New Business Discussion Items

A. City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion Project Updates

Mark Delhotal reported the Fehr-Graham is putting together a proposal to the ICC for funding to put crossing guards at Wiscold, Caron and Creston Roads. The ICC could fund up to 85% of the cost. The Railroad Advisory Board is going to compose a memo to the City Council about the reasons to close the Steam Plant Road Crossing. Mark Delhotal and Jason Anderson will draft the letter.



B. Class 1 Interactions

There have been no meetings or interactions with the Class 1 railroads lately.

C. Ryder Update

Lenny Reynolds reported that they continue to be busy and have good volumes, especially with french fries.

D. BJRY Update

Bob Wingate reported that Coated Sand Solutions is working to build their transload facility on site and will start transloading raw sand mid-October, with full ramp up being in the 2014. Bob continues to work on other transload opportunities in Rochelle.

7. Next Meeting

November 21, 2013 (Meeting to be held in Economic Development Office)

8. Comments from the Board

No additional comments from the board.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Randy Wakenight and Lenny Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted By,

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