



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2013**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on November 21, 2013 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Mark Delhotal at 1:05p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made Lenny Reynolds and seconded by Bob Wingate to approve the minutes of September 26, 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 on December 3rd a team (including the UP, BNSF, Fehr-Graham, ICC, FRA, City of Rochelle, and IDOT) will conduct a diagnostic review of each crossing. This meeting was scheduled for October but had to be rescheduled. After this meeting, a plan will be developed by on how to make each crossing a Quiet Zone.

B. Lead Track Agreement Renewal Status

A meeting with Ryder was held in October and since that meeting Ryder has made comments on the contract. A conference call will be held on November 27th with Ryder to address these comments and concerns.

C. ICC Application

An ICC application was prepared and submitted for crossing guards and Creston and Caron Road. The ICC did not have these crossings in their inventory for Rochelle so they had to be added and this process caused a little delay with getting the application submitted. The ICC will fund up to 85% of the crossing guards.

6. New Business Discussion Items

A. City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion Project Updates

Mark Delhotal and Jason Anderson shared that they had a meeting with the BNSF today to talk about future expansion, specifically handling unit trains in the future. The concept presented to the BNSF would allow for 3 tracks at 9500 ft and a run around track. Jason and Mark will continue to work with the railroads on expansion plans, as well as, funding sources for the expansion.



B. Class 1 Interactions

A meeting was held with the BNSF today about future expansion plans. A meeting will be set up soon with Union Pacific to discuss the same plans.

C. Ryder Update

Lenny Reynolds reported that they continue to be busy.

D. BJRY Update

Bob Wingate reported that Coated Sand Solutions has been shipping sand and they anticipate beginning to ship unit trains in April of 2014.

7. Next Meeting

January 23, 2014

8. Comments from the Board

No additional comments from the board.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lenny Reynolds and seconded by Malcolm Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted By,

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