



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 25, 2014**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on September 25, 2014 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 Jason Anderson at 12:00pm.

**1. Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Malcolm Patterson, Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate and Ken Wise Others present were, Jason Anderson-Economic Development Director, Chet Olson- Mayor and Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant

**2. Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Bob Wingate and seconded by Ken Wise to approve the minutes of July 24, 2014.*  
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. Lead Track Agreement Renewal Status**

The current contract will be extended until February 2015 to allow time to complete the details of the new contract. The new contract is being proposed as a 3 way contract between the City, Ryder and BJRY. Ryder, BJRY and the City will look to meet in October to review the draft of the new contract.

**B. Quiet Zone**

Jason reported that estimate for the Quiet Zone is \$1.5M for 11 crossings. This does not include Steam Plant Road. It would be a 2 year project. The City will now need to look into how they will fund this and if they want to pursue the Quiet Zone.

**6. New Business Discussion Items**

**A. City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion Project Updates**

Jason reported that UP yard on the North Side, the work to add 3 storage tracks is done. On the South end, 2 tracks are there today and one is being added and this work should be done by late October. The Caron Road Crossing is being placed where we connect to the BNSF. This should be done mid to late October. There will be some rail interruption with this crossing work but all of the industries have been informed.

**B. Prioritization of Rail Expansion Projects**

The board discussed the following expansion projects and what priority they should take. Jason discussed with the board he would like to pursue funding options this winter to help accomplish some of these projects.



1) Trans loading Site Development

This would involve building a trans loading facility directly north of Coated Sand Solutions

2) Extending Rail South of Johns Creek

Currently Fehr Graham is designing the bridge and should be done with that design work this fall. Fehr Graham is also working to secure a DNR permit.

3) Crossing gates at CIR Crossings

The ICC denied the application that was submitted earlier this year due to lack of rail volume. Because the rail volume has continued to increase, the City should be in a better position to re-apply for the funding.

4) Class I switches upgrades

Due to the increase in rail volume, the need to upgrade these switches will need to become a priority within the next few years.

5) Other

The board talked about the importance of keeping safety a top priority as projects move forward. They also discussed the option of re-aligning the CIR on Caron Road as a future project to fund.

The board feels that the Trans loading Site and Extending the Rail South of Johns Creek would be the top priority for next projects.

**C. Class 1 Interactions**

Jason reported he has not had any meetings with the BNSF. He did meet today with Wayne Borg from the Union Pacific to update him on the projects the City has completed this year and ideas for future projects.

**D. Ryder Update**

Lenny Reynolds reported that they continue to stay very busy at Ryder and are at capacity in their building. They are hiring at this time.

**E. BJRY Update**

Bob Wingate reported that they continue to stay busy. They have been working Saturdays and hired another crew. They will be bringing in 3<sup>rd</sup> locomotive by November.

**7. Next Meeting**

January 22, 2015

**8. Comments from the Board**

No additional comments from the board.

**9. Adjournment**

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

Submitted By,

Katie Wolf

Economic Development Administrative Assistant