



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2012**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on October 25, 2012 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Scott Rozanas at 12:05p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Lenny Reynolds, Bob Wingate and Ken Wise; Malcolm Patterson and Randy Wakenight were absent from the meeting. 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 Lenny Reynolds and seconded Ken Wise to approve the minutes of August 23, 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 consultant from Texas provided a report to the City and it has been distributed to council members, the mayor and city manager. The next step is for the city engineer and city manager to review the crossings to determine which crossings will have wayside horns or quiet zones. Then a diagnostic review with the FRA, ICC and Class 1's will be scheduled.

B. Steward Road Land Strip

GREDCO owns this land and the sale of this land from GREDCO to the city is in the city manager's office for the decision of when to move forward on this.

C. Current Rail Industry Projects – Nippon Sharyo, Coated Sand Solutions

Nippon Sharyo rail work is all completed and they are receiving cars. Coated Sand Solutions received their first rail cars across Steward Road in October. The City of Rochelle was able to meet the adjusted deadline that Coated Sand Solutions had for receiving cars.



D. City of Rochelle Railroad expansion projects updates

There are three projects taking place this fall in regards to the CIR expansion.

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

The City of Rochelle Railroad will be increasing from 4 miles of track to 7 when these projects are completed.

E. RAB Subcommittee status

The subcommittee is reviewing all CIR contracts including the Ryder LTA contract which will expire in October of 2014. The subcommittee put together a recommendation addressed to Jason Anderson. Jason and Scott then made a recommendation to the city manager. A meeting is being held with Alan Copper, city attorney, and Myles Tobin, Rail attorney next week. The goal is to have a negotiated contract by January 1.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. Class 1 Interactions

Scott shared that the economic development office has regular contact with the Union Pacific and BNSF. The BJRY took the UP out on a locomotive to tour the CIR. Jason Anderson continues to pursue getting donations from the Class 1 Railroads to the CIR.

B. Lead Track Agreement (LTA) renewal status

See VI. E. above

C. New Rail Projects/Opportunities – Project Golden Prairie

Project Golden Prairie is a new facility that will be west of the current Nippon Sharyo plant. There are also several Japanese suppliers for Nippon Sharyo that want to bring their companies to the USA. Rochelle is also on the short list for two 1.5 million sq. ft warehouses for food; both would need rail. The Hines building has been bought by Tim Bruns and is being leased out to a local customer.

D. Inland Transportation Port of Rochelle

Ken Wise spoke further about Rochelle becoming an inland port. There is no cost to do this and usually by becoming a port you can qualify for federal money for projects. The board discussed next steps: Scott will do some due diligence on port authorizes, The mayor will do some follow up with his contacts in Quincy that is already a port (pros and cons) and finally the board would decide if they want to make a recommendation to the city manager.



E. Next Meeting – December 13 or 20, 2012

The board chose to meet December 13, 2012 at 12:00 noon.

VIII. Comments from the Board

Bob Wingate shared that the BJRY received another service award from the BNSF. This is the third award they have received and are the only short line that has ever received three service awards.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Wingate and seconded by Ken Wise to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted By,

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