



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2012**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on December 13, 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 12:00p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Malcolm Patterson, Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate and Ken Wise. Others present were, Jeff Leon-WRHL, Chet Olson – Mayor, Ed Rice – City Council, Scott Rozanas-Business Development Manager, and Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Randy Wakenight and seconded by 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 Scott and Dave Plyman, City Manager went to look at each crossing this past month. Due to some of the requirements for Quiet Zones, the City Manager has asked Fehr-Graham to put together a proposal that would help determine the feasibility of Quiet Zones at the various crossings and what would need to be done to accommodate these requirements. Fehr-Graham has given the City Manager a proposal for the work and he will be reviewing it. A next step would be to schedule meets with the FRA, ICC and Class 1's in the near future to discuss the plans for Quiet Zones.

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. 2012 City of Rochelle Railroad expansion projects

There are three projects that have taken place this fall with 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 – this project is complete.



3) Adding more track for storage at the corner of Creston and Caron Road – this project continues to move forward, additional equipment had to be ordered but they are backing working now.

D. RAB Subcommittee

The subcommittee has not met recently but will need to schedule a meeting soon to review Industrial Track Agreements. The ITA's currently needed to be updated and created for some industries that are operating without one at this time.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. Lead Track Agreement (LTA) renewal status

The RAB subcommittee met and reviewed the LTA with City Attorney, Alan Cooper and Rail Attorney Myles Tobin earlier this fall. Mr. Tobin is drafting an agreement for the City. Scott continues to follow up with Mr. Tobin for this draft as the City has not received it yet. As soon as this is received, the City will review and then Ryder will be given a copy for review. The City is currently leaning toward re-negotiating the current contract with Ryder.

B. New Rail Projects/Opportunities – Project Golden Prairie, Kraft Plant

Project Golden Prairie is a new facility that will be west of the current Nippon Sharyo plant. The Hines building has been bought by Tim Bruns and is being leased out to a Boise Cascade (a rail user) for warehouse space. There has been some interest in the Kraft Plant, the economic development office continues to pursue this prospect.

C. Inland Transportation Port of Rochelle

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Next Meeting – February 28, 2013.

VIII. Comments from the Board

No additional comments from the board.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Submitted By,

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