



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2017**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on April 27, 2017 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Jason Anderson.

Roll Call - Present at the meeting were Board Members: Randy Wakenight and Ken Wise. Others present were, Jason Anderson, Sue Messer and Adriana Milan. Absent members: Malcolm Patterson and Bob Wingate.

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2017 – None, no quorum

Review of Financial Results – No reports available to review

Public Commentary - None

Old Business

- A. **City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion – Project Co-Op** Extending rail south of John’s Creek/east of CHS
- a. **Bridge Design and Construction** – Bridge has been designed and approved. Waiting on EDA permit to bid project as a whole, however project will be completed in 3 phases.
 - b. **EDA Grant** – City was awarded \$3.4M from EDA for the \$7M rail expansion project. Waiting on EDA approval to build in 3 phases.
 - c. **Purchase of additional Rail Right-of-Way/Land Options** – GREDCO with the City’s approval has secured land options to buy the additional right-of-way that are good for two (2) years.
 - d. **Seeking Funding Sources** – USDA is another possible source of funds to match the \$ 3.4M EDA grant.
- B. **Transloading Yard development** - Two sand companies that can potentially ship 2-3 unit trains a month. Working with two sand companies that can potentially run the yard; researching cost for switching and storing cars to offer one price. ICC petition received and approved for CIR to cross Steward Rd.

- C. **Class I Interactions** – Meetings with UP and BNSF will be scheduled regarding upgrading interchanges due to safety concerns on Caron Rd.

- D. **BJRY** Update by Jason Anderson - An increase in tariff fees will take effect May 1st from \$ 200 to \$300 per car for unit trains, fee will just match manifest's fee. There has been a decrease in storage fee revenue from last year due to BJRY moving cars faster. The current issue is limited capacity. Jason will explore the possibility to lease the entire CHS rail yard to increase capacity.

New Business Discussion Items

The agreement to share railroad revenue between The City of Rochelle and GREDCO has been signed. Payment for 2016's first quarter coming soon.

Ryder contract will expire April 2018.

Next Meeting – July 27, 2017

Adjournment - No motion to adjourn, no quorum – meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Submitted by,
Adriana Milan