



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on January 22, 2015 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Jason Anderson at 12:04pm.

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, Director Economic Development, Mayor Olson, Councilwoman Hollonbeck, Dianne McNeilly, Katie Wolf, and Joanne Peters.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Wingate to approve the minutes of September 25, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review of Financial Results

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mr. Wakenight to approve the financial report. Mr. Patterson inquired about the dates of the report and Mr. Anderson confirmed they were for calendar year 2014 and they will be updated in May to coincide with the fiscal year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Comments from the Public

Dianne McNeilly, community member and LWV asked what action the Board was taking to insure the safety of Rochelle citizens from railcars carrying hazardous chemicals and was the Board aware of mandatory 40 mph speed limits. Mr. Wise advised the speed limit was already regulated at 35 mph because of the “diamond” crossover. Mr. Anderson added the Board would discuss these questions under new business.

5. Old Business

A. Lead Track Agreement Renewal Status

The current contract was extended to February 2015 to allow time to complete the details of a new contract. The new proposal is to discontinue a 3 way contract between the City, Ryder and BJRY; one contract between the City and BJRY; a second contract between the City and Ryder to allow operations out of the yard and a third contract between BJRY and Ryder. We anticipate draft contracts to be ready within the next week.

B. Update - City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion Projects

Jason reported that all of the expansion projects had been completed.

C. Prioritization of Rail Expansion Projects

- 1) Extending Rail South of Johns Creek
 - a. Fehr-Graham is working on the Bridge design and construction



- b. EDA Planning Grant – the City is collaborating with EDA and Lee County to extend infrastructure towards Steward which includes, rail, roadway, water, and sewer.
- c. EZ Expansion – the City is working with Dixon and Lee County to establish new EZ boundaries.
- d. Funding – future projects will impact funding options
- e. Quiet Zone – No update

D. Class I Interactions – No Update

E. Ryder Update – Mr. Reynolds reported they are busy and continue to have a shortage of fork lift operators.

F. BJRY Update – Mr. Wingate reported they were busy.

6. **New Business Discussion Items**

Councilwoman Hollonbeck distributed copies of a “**Proposed Rule**” regarding “**Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High Hazard Flammable Trains**”. The Board thanked Ms. Hollonbeck for the information and agreed that it was not only Rochelle, but rather a Regional issue. The CIR follows all hazmat rules; Rochelle already imposes a lower than 40 mph speed limit and our local fire and police departments train employees regularly. Mr. Patterson added that many of the tank cars traveling through Rochelle carry molasses.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2015. Mr. Anderson has a conflict, so another date will have to be scheduled.

8. **Comments from the Board**

No additional comments from the board.

9. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Wakenight and seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 1:20p.m.

Submitted By,
Joanne M. Peters