



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2012**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on August 23, 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: Malcolm Patterson, Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate and Ken Wise. 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 Ken Wise and seconded by Lenny Reynolds to approve the minutes of June 28, 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.

V. Status Report on Projects in Progress

A. Rail Expansion Projects

Scott updated the board on the 2012 rail expansion projects: 1) expansion of the Union Pacific storage yard, 2) additional N-S siding west of Caron Road, and 3) extension of the City Rail east across Steward Road to the CSS site. Coated Sand Solutions is on schedule with their project, and they hope to have a test batch of sand sent to the UK for testing by October 1. All of their sand will coming into the plant via truck for the next several months.

B. Steward Land Strip

The City of Rochelle plans to execute the purchase contract of the Steward Land Strip from GREDCO in November of this year. The payments are budgeted in the Railroad fund.

VI. Old Business

A. Quiet Zone

Scott reported to the board that the Quiet Zone consultant from Texas assessed the crossings. The consultant will provide a draft report to Scott and Sam for review and input within 3 weeks. It is possible that a combination of wayside horns and supplemental safety devices will significantly reduce the total costs of the project. The board noted that closing some crossings should be considered by the consultant. Scott will be in touch with him regarding this matter.



B. Strategic Plan

The board briefly reviewed the strategic plan. The board further discussed moving the BNSF switch south of Steamplant Road. They reviewed maps and locations. Bob Wingate is going to approach the BNSF about this move and report back to the board at the next meeting.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. Recent Opportunities

Bob Wingate shared that Sunwest Energy is considering a small volume transloading operation out of the Wausau rail site.

B. RAB Subcommittee Progress

A subcommittee has been formed (Randy Wakenight, Ken Wise, Scott Rozanas) to review the recommendations of rail attorney Miles Tobin. This includes reviewing all city rail contracts, including the Ryder contract which will expire in October of 2014.

C. Next Meeting October 25, 2012

It was noted that the next meeting will be October 25, 2012 at 12 noon.

VIII. Comments from the Board

Ken Wise handed out some information about Port Authorities. Due to time constraints, however, this will be discussed at the next meeting in October.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Wingate and seconded by Malcolm Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 1:15p.m.

Submitted By,

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