



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 2012**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on June 28, 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 12:03p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, and Ken Wise. Absent from the meeting were Board Members: Malcolm Patterson and Bob Wingate. Others present were, Jeff Leon-WRHL, Ed Rice-Councilman, 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 March 22, 2012. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Review of Financial Results

The board reviewed the financial statement for the railroad revenues and there were no additional comments

IV. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

V. Status Report on Projects in Progress

A. Nippon Sharyo

Nippon Sharyo received their first two rail cars in June and the BRJY delivered the cars to their plant. Lenny Reynolds and Bob Wingate offered to do some rail car switching training with Nippon Sharyo. The grand opening for the plant will be on July 19, 2012.

B. Coated Sand Solutions

Coated Sand Solutions continues to move along quickly. CSS plans to produce a test batch at the end of August that will then be sent to the UK for testing. They anticipate being in full operation by early 2013. The rail project to take the rail across Steward Road to serve Coated Sand Solutions will be put out for bid this week with a bid opening on July 13th and construction beginning the first week in August. Lenny said that the BJR Y delivered rail materials to their site last week.



VI. Old Business

A. 2012 CIR Capital Projects – review

Currently there are three main CIR capital projects for 2012. The extension of the IRE track across Steward Road to service Coated Sand Solutions; siding south of I-88; and the UP storage track. The top priority is the rail that will serve Coated Sand Solutions. Currently there are two projects that are on hold for 2012. The purchasing of land south of Coated Sand Solutions for transloading and the sale of the land strip by GREDCO to the City of Rochelle. The City of Rochelle would like to wait until six months into the fiscal year to pursue the sale of the land strip.

B. Steamplant Road Crossing- discuss status

The Steamplant Road Crossing is on hold until Coated Sand Solutions is up and running and the volume that they will produce is better known.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. Recent Opportunities

Scott shared briefly that some transloading possibilities are continuing to be researched. Some work is being done with Lee & Associates and LaGrou regarding their facility and being a transloading site. Bob Wingate is also in contact with Hitchens Salt to do transloading out of Rochelle. Lenny believes that they are currently negating terms and rates.

B. Quiet Zone

Scott reported to the board that he had a conference call with a Quiet Zone consultant from Texas who gave some great suggestions on how Rochelle can manage the noise of the trains. This consultant talked about putting wayside horns in some areas and then barriers/medians in other locations to help cut down on the cost implementing Quiet Zones. Some due diligence is being done right now on the consultant but if he was hired, he would come to Rochelle to do a diagnostic review of all the crossings and then get a proposal/plan back to the city of how to handle the Quiet Zone issues. Scott will continue to keep the board up to date on the progress.

C. Strategic Plan- review action steps

The board spent time reviewing the Strategic Plan action steps and the status of those items. A subcommittee was formed to discuss contract suggestions from rail attorney Myles Tobin. Randy Wakenight and Ken Wise will be on this committee with Scott Rozanas and Jason Anderson. A meeting will be held soon.

D. Next Meeting August 23, 2012

It was noted that the next meeting will be August 23, 2012 at 12 noon.



VIII. Comments from the Board

Ken Wise brought up the idea of Rochelle becoming a “port authority”. Ken is going to do some research on this topic and present it to the board at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ken Wise and seconded by Randy Wakenight to adjourn the meeting at 1:00p.m.

Submitted By,

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