



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2017**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on January 26, 2017 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Jason Anderson.

Roll Call - Present at the meeting were Board Members: Malcolm Patterson, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate and Ken Wise. Others present were, Jason Anderson, Mayor Olson and Joanne Peters.

Approval of Minutes - *“A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Wingate to approve the minutes of January 2015”.* Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Review of Financial Results – Jason summarized the financial report.

Public Commentary

Old Business

- A. **Ryder Yard Track Agreement** – The agreement expires in April 2018 and Jason advised that once the rail is expanded the Ryder yard won't be utilized.
- B. **Quiet Zone Implemented** – The Quiet Zone has been implemented and the pay back schedule was distributed.
- C. **Update – CIR Expansion – Project Co-Op**
 - a. **Extension of Rail South of Johns Creek/East of CHS** – 3500 feet of three tracks to the south
 - b. **EDA Grant** – City was awarded \$3.4M
 - c. **Purchase of additional Rail Right-of-Way/Land Options** – GREDCO with the City's approval has secured land options that are good for two (2) years.
 - d. **Seeking Funding Sources** – The City passed a Resolution to Bond up to \$4M
- D. **Class I Interactions – Meetings on upgrading interchanges** – Bob Wingate suggested that Jason tell the BNSF where the switch is to be located and that it must be completed by the end of 2018.
- E. **BJRY Update** – Bob Wingate advised that they were at full capacity plus they are using the CHS yard to store 80-90 cars. Bob added that the sand cars remain consistent and he believed they would only increase in volume. Bob was congratulated for BJRY's award **“SHORT LINE RAIL”** of the year.

New Business Discussion Items

A. Marketing the CIR – Attracting new businesses – Jason said he has been meeting with developers and is looking at the potential of partnering with developers to get the dual rail constructed, but completing the entire 1,000 acres will cost \$15M-\$25M for water, sewer, roads, bridges, and rail. Ken Wise reminded Jason that the City may lose control if they choose partnering with developers.

B. Trans loading

Next Meeting – April 27, 2017

Adjournment - “A motion was made by Mr. Wingate and seconded by Mr. Wakenight to adjourn the meeting at 1:32p.m.” Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted By,
Joanne M. Peters