



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

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on July 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 Bob Wingate. Others present were, Jason Anderson and Adriana Milan. Absent members: Malcolm Patterson and Ken Wise.

Approval of Minutes

January 26, 2017 – None, no quorum

April 27, 2017 – None, no quorum

July 27, 2017

Review of Financial Results – Revenue report from BJRY reviewed by Jason Anderson. Coated Sands loan has been paid off as of July 2017.

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** – EDA approved permit to phase project.
 - b. **IDNR** – Still waiting on permit and approval drainage model.
 - c. **Funding Sources** – EDA \$3.4M and possibly an additional \$2.6M from IDOT, will pursue additional funds through USDA loan.
 - d. **Purchase of additional Rail Right-of-Way/Land Options** – additional 200 ft. are needed for rail right of way from John's Creek to Elva Rd. Will approach farmer to pursue agreement.

- B. **Transloading Yard development** – Land purchase agreement to the North of Coated Sands (50 ft. total of 2.2 acres) has been rescinded. Plans have changed from double track to making the track longer to the east; construction is anticipated in the fall. Fees incurred due to rescinding the Boyle Farm agreement will be paid out of the rail fund.

- C. **Class I Interactions** – Jason is attending UP short line conference in Omaha NE, during the first week of August. Opportunity to discuss new UP interchange.

- D. **BJRY**- Update by Jason Anderson. This year we have almost switched 15,000 rail cars and it is anticipated that value will continue to increase. Storages fees revenues have increased. Unit trains volume has slightly decreased. CHS has agreed to lease entire rail with condition of installing some safety mechanism at the crossing..

New Business Discussion Items

None

Next Meeting – October 26, 2017

Adjournment - No motion to adjourn, no quorum – meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Submitted by,
Adriana Milan