



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, May 3rd, 2018**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on May 3rd, 2018, in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

I. Call meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Jason Anderson.

Present: Bob Wingate, Ken Wise, Randy Wakenight, others present were Jason Anderson, Adriana Milan, Bob Fordham, Mayor Olson and City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

Absent members: none

II. Approval of Minutes – “A motion by Mr. Wingate and seconded by Mr. Wise to approve the minutes from October 26, 2017”. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. Public Commentary – Robert Fordham from US Silica welcome introduction to the board.

IV. Review of Financial Results – Revenue report from BJRY reviewed by Jason Anderson. City of Rochelle Rail revenues for the first quarter are less than 2017 year to date. Ryder contract will cease in April.

V. Old Business

A. City of Rochelle Railroad Expansion – Project Co-Op Extending rail south of John’s Creek and East of CHS.

- a. Waiting on EDA’s approval to put contract out for bid. We hope to include award approval on the June 11th council agenda.
- b. Project will be bid as 3 different contracts – bridge, transloading yard and tracks.

B. Class I Interactions – Long term plan is to improve the BNSF and UP system by moving their interchanges further apart keeping them away from the diamond, hopefully with the increased rail volumes, Class I might justify the cost for the investment. Moving the interchanges will also improve the traffic and accessibility through Caron Rd.

- a. **UP –** with the support of Sandy Christenson, we will submit a 10% Development Concept to design for a new UP interchange underneath Dement Rd. Fehr & Graham is assisting with the engineering plans.
- b. **BNSF –** Jason received a call from “Calvin Nutt” from BNSF Safety Operations division regarding a safety concern on Caron Rd. Mr. Nutt suggested reaching out to

ICC for funding for crossing gates on Caron Rd. Jason expressed the need to rather change the interchange further to the South.

- C. **BJRY** – Has begun using the Nippon Sharyo rail yard for storage. Operations have been going as usual.

VI. New Business Discussion Items

- A. JLL prospect interested in refrigeration transloading capacity.

Next Meeting – July 26, 2018

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Wise - at 1:03 pm.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted by,
Adriana Milan