



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2018**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on October 25, 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, and Jason Anderson. Others present: Adriana Milan, Mayor Olson and Councilman Bearrows.

Absent members: Bob Fordman has resigned from the board – No longer employed at CHS.

II. Approval of Minutes – “A motion by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mr. Wakenight to approve the minutes from July 26, 2018”. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. Public Commentary – Mayor suggested to reach out to Robert Tinson the new UP terminal manager and invite him to be part of the Railroad Advisor Board.

IV. Review of Financial Results – Revenue report from BJRY reviewed by Jason Anderson. Revenues are less than last’s year amounts. No longer switching to Ryder for free. End of year revenues to the CIR are expected to be around \$2 million.

V. Old Business

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

1. Contract # 1 Transloading Yard – Railworks Track Service Inc
All rock has been laid. Track construction will begin next week.
Crossing on Steward Rd required a special permit from the ICC

Contract # 2 Rail Bridge – Martin & Company Excavating
Piling is anticipated to be done this fall. Construction will go through Spring 2019.

Contract # 3 South Rail Extension – William Charles Construction Co.
Challenge with titles in ditch causing drainage issues. Construction will resume in the Spring of 2019

2. The construction easement a 2,300 ft of ROW (1.7 acres) from the Brossman Farm through the Gratton Farms are no longer being considered.
3. The sale of GREDCO's 200' strip of land rail ROW to the City of Rochelle for the South Rail Extension has been approved by Council.
4. Ryder Rail Industrial Agreement has ended. No longer sharing revenue.
5. ICC Order – An extension to update the order was filed. Safety Concerns were discussed with Steam Plant Rd crossing, conversation will continue to explore different options to address the concerns.

B. Class I Interactions – Conversations continue with both UP & BNSF regarding new interchanges.

1. **UP** – Jason met yesterday with UP representatives and discussed the 10% Development Design Concept that was submitted. Due to significant changes in the organization plans might be delayed.

C. **BJRY** – things are going well and running smooth. Been assisting in updating the ICC order.

VI. New Business Discussion Items

Lee County Partnership – Collaborations with Lee County Economic Development to develop the Southern part of Steward Rd are underway. A plan will be developed to complete several surveys in anticipation of future industrial development.

Nippon Sharyo - Buildings have been on sale for two months. Nippon hopes to sell all of their facilities and make an announced early next year.

Next Meeting – February 21st, 2019

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Wise - at 1:40 pm.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted by,
Adriana Milan