

Railroad Board Meeting
March 15, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Danny Grammenz, Mr. Craig Erwin, Mr. David May, Mr. Mel Gregg
Also Attending: Mayor Theresa Kelly, Street Superintendent Jeff Gillespie, Mr. Derrick McIntyre, Mr. Jay Respondek, Motive Rail

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meetings were not available.

Financial Report:

The financial reports were not available. The Board requests financials be available at the May meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Kelly provided information on the City's efforts to expand the Industrial Park. Rail service will be a key component to the development and the attraction of companies to the area. The city is currently evaluating options for usage of the property and the potential use of Covid funds for infrastructure improvements.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he had been contacted by Wire Rope seeking information on tie improvements to their spur. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

Mr. McIntyre discussed the issue of flooding and retention waters along a portion of the old roadbed near Muddy and Medicine Creek. Although there is a large amount of brush near one side of the Muddy Creek structure, the remaining side is open and would not create an impediment sufficient to create significant flooding in the area. The Medicine Creek structure has brush on a nearby sandbar and also would not create any impediment sufficient to create significant flooding in the area. It is doubtful that DNR would allow any remediation to that area near the Medicine Creek location. The railroad bed does not appear to be the root cause of flooding in the area.

The Board discussed the progress regarding the Ryan Lane crossing and the Canadian Pacific Railroad's efforts to demolish the crossing.

Mr. McIntyre updated the Board on the work at the Sunoco crossing. The switch and curve are complete and it is anticipated that the panel will be installed in the near future.

Mr. Mel Gregg updated the Board on the Locust Creek Watershed Project. A portion of this project seeks to develop trails using conservation credits along the abandoned roadbed. It appears at this time that the focus of the project will not impact the railroad area near the city.

David May moved to adjourn. Craig Erwin second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 5:48pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022.