

CONSTRUCTION AND RAIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 30, 2017 5:00PM

The Construction Rail Planning Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 5:00pm (CDT) in the Assembly Room #3 of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, La Porte, IN 46350.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Coar at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeff Johnson

ROLL CALL

Joe Coar – Present

Russ Klosinski – Present

Jeff Johnson – Present

Jim Arnold – Present

Randy Novak – Present

AGENDA

Russ Klosinski motioned to approve the agenda. Randy Novak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of retroactive approval of CSX maintenance project utilizing CSX spur in Kingsbury Industrial Park

Randy Novak motioned to approve, retroactively, the CSX maintenance project utilizing CSX spur in Kingsbury Industrial Park. Jim Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of expanding the number of members of the Construction Rail Planning Committee

Mary Jane Thomas announced the three new members of the committee Tom Dermody: , Mark Yagelski and Jim Thompson. Randy Novak motioned to approve expanding the number of members of the Construction Rail Planning Committee. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Jane Thomas presented a draft of a Construction Rail Planning Application to be used to gather information for requests presented to the Committee in the future. The draft of the application will be reviewed by the members for the next meeting.

Brent Halfwassen of the Halfwassen Group presented a request to improve and extend rail onto a site he owns and is leasing currently. He stated that by completing the crossing the improvement could possibly benefit three separate owner's property in Kingsbury Industrial Park. Discussion ensued. Jeff Johnson motioned to refer Mr. Halfwassen's request to Holladay Properties for review. Jim Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Coar suggested there should be protocol for the current rail and storage use of the county's rail in Kingsbury Industrial Park. Attorney Friedman agreed and suggested Mr. Hardy create a Request for Proposal for a contract switcher. The committee asked Mr. Friedman to contact Mr. Hardy regarding this matter.

NEXT MEETING

President Coar suggested the Committee hold the next meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5p.m., if a quorum was available.

ADJOURN

Russ Klosinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:22p.m. The motion was seconded by Randy Novak. The motion carried unanimously.