

Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force
Friday, February 29, 2008
MEETING MINUTES

The Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force met Friday, February 29, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., at the Monroe Township Firehouse in Malinta. The following is the list of people in attendance and their respected email addresses:

Name	Email
Nicholas Rettig	hencopc@bright.net
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Chris Holt	christian.holt@puc.state.oh.us
Patrick McColley	pmccolley@henrycountyengineer.com
Randy Germann	rgermann@henrycountyengineer.com

Not in attendance: Nancy Hatfield, Secretary and Ken Gilsdorf (email: ken_gilsdorf@csx.com)

The following matters were discussed:

- A letter from Nancy Hatfield, dated February 20th, was sent to members of the Task Force informing them of a meeting to be held on February 29, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the Monroe Township Fire Station
- Randy Germann request everybody sign in and give their respected email address, so information and minutes can be sent via email
- Randy informed everybody of the County Engineer's Website (www.henrycountyengineer.com) and the railroad link in the website.
- Randy informed the task force of numerous letters received regarding railroads in Henry County, of which include:
 - *A PUCO letter from Leah Thomas-Dalton (Rail Division Chief) requesting ADT traffic counts at railroad crossings.*
 - *Randy informed the committee that the counts have not changed since the previous counts submitted*
 - *Asked Chris Holt to inform Leah of the situation and will start obtaining ADT's for rail crossings again*
 - *Discussed Patrick Henry School's senior government class complaint letters*
 - *Discussed a letter from Sue Gagnon regarding the railroad crossing at the corner of County Road M-1 and County Road 17.*

- *Discussed idea to try to get that crossing repaired when the railroad company repairs the Jahns Road Crossing*
 - *Discussed PUCO complain letter from Robyn Sunderman, a Patrick Henry High School Student, regarding a CSX crossing (Crossing 155-752D) at County Road C near Deshler.*
 - *Pamphlet was forwarded by Bonnie Johrendt, PUCO Grade Crossing Planner, to Randy Germann explaining the Ohio's Highway-railroad Grade Crossing Upgrade Program*
 - *Randy's office will look into grants for this crossing*
- *Discussed Jahns Road Crossing*
 - *Maumee Western Rail Company had to replace a rail at crossing and thus removed some of the existing pavement*
 - *Multiple complaints were made to the City of Napoleon, PUCO, and Maumee-Western Railroad Company*
 - *Local paper wrote an article on crossing*
 - *Chris Holt informed us that a Mr. Bell, a Rail Master for Maumee-Western, had stone placed at the crossing and will eventually put down some blacktop at the crossing when the asphalt plants open*
- *Discussed status of some old railroad property bought from the county in Bartlow Township*
 - *The Prosecutor ordered all the bids resubmitted based on the fact that the 2 parcels had to be sold as one.*
- *Discussed the Angels on Track Foundation*
 - *The County's Crossings will not qualify because ADT counts are too low.*
- *Chris Holt informed the Task Force of the Allen County Engineer's very aggressive railroad program*
 - *Stemmed from lawsuit an individual filed involved in a car/train accident and regarded limited/blocked sight visibility at a railroad crossing*
- *Discussed crossing at County Road F*
- *A determination was made for the Task Force to meet quarterly*
- *Decided the next meeting will be the first Friday in June, which would be June 6, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. at the Monroe Township Firehouse in Malinta.*
- *Meeting Adjourned*

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick McColley
Henry County Engineer's Office