

Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
MEETING MINUTES

The Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force met Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the County Commissioners Office. The following is the list of people in attendance and their respected agency names:

Name	Agency
Randy Germann	Henry County Engineer
Bob Hastedt	County Commissioner
Richard Gill	Pleasant Township Trustee
Patrick McColley	County Engineer's Office
Nick Rettig	Planning Director
Laurie Sans	LEPC
Nathan Vance	PUCO
John Steele	Henry County EMA
Scott Leonard	Patrick Henry Schools
Louis Streicher	Sothern Joint Ambulance District

The following matters were discussed:

- Everyone signed in
- Introduced Nathan Vance, new PUCO inspector taking over for Chris Holt
- Randy reviewed with everyone the purpose of the task force and how it was founded
- Shared with everyone the idea for reorganization
 - Members will be made up of representatives of:
 - *County Engineer's Office*
 - *County Commissioners*
 - *PUCO-Rail Division*
 - *Henry County Township Trustees Association*
 - *Sheriff's Department*
 - *Southern Joint Ambulance District*
 - *County EMA*
 - *LEPC*
 - *Fire Departments*
 - *Any rail official*
 - *Schools*
 - *ODOT*
 - *Planning Commission*
 - County Commissioners will have to approve the new format
 - Bob Hastedt and Patrick McColley will take care of this

- Discussed Senate Bill 116, which will require a railroad to fix their crossings and remove vegetation or face a heavy fine. This bill was sponsored by Senator Buehrer and stemmed from the Jahns Road Crossing problem a couple years ago.
 - Patrick McColley and Bob Hastedt testified before the Senate's Energy and Public Utilities Committee in support of S.B. 116
- Laurie Sans discussed Hazmat money and working with the PUCO
- Nathan is going to check out if the PUCO's supplemental assistance grant can be used to grind down asphalt near railroad crossings
- Discussed Hamler's lights and gates problems
 - *Bob Hastedt reported more lights and gates problems in Hamler*
 - *Lights will go on and gates will go down and no train will be approaching*
 - *Individuals are stuck behind gates until they raise*
- Nathan Vance reviewed some railroad statistics for Ohio
- Talked about operation LifeSaver
- Talked about people vandalizing the Indiana and Ohio Railway bridge near L.C.
 - Nathan informed the task force that the PUCO believes that parents of high school children are vandalizing the bridge.
- Talked about the Maumee Western Railroad Company's unwillingness to report derailments.
- Discussed the importance to keep this task force active
- Meeting minutes can now be obtained online at www.henrycountyengineer.com
- Patrick will arrange the next meeting via email
- Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick McColley, E.I.
Henry County Engineer's Office