



## Meeting Minutes

DATE 06/24/21

TIME 7:30am – 8:30am

PLACE Oskaloosa Environmental Learning Center (ELC)

PURPOSE Iowa DOT RRLG Rail Grant Discussion

ATTENDEES Bhooshan Karnik - McClure  
 Jason DeWald - McClure  
 Tom Flaherty – Mahaska County  
 Beth Danowsky – MUSCO  
 Deann DeGroot – Mahaska Chamber and Development Group  
 Mike Schrock – City of Oskaloosa  
 Tom Schmidt – GSTC  
 John Pang  
 Mark Garmendy  
 Jim Koellner – Nutrien Ag Solutions  
 Andrew McGuire – Mahaska County  
 Brad Hodges – Oskaloosa Foods  
 Jeremy Jorgenson – Iowa Wood Preservers  
 Ken Rexroth – Church and Dwight/Arm & Hammer  
 Jarin Teed – Oldcastle  
 Sandy Christiansen – UPRR (Phone)  
 Emily Peters – UPRR (Phone)

NOTES BY Jason DeWald (JCD) - McClure

The following meeting notes summarize the discussions and decisions made at the meeting.  
 Please inform [jdewald@mcclurevision.com](mailto:jdewald@mcclurevision.com) of any additions, corrections, or clarifications to these notes.

1. John P. discussed how much UPRR has invested in Oskaloosa and the continued commitment to the economic development of the area.
2. Sandy C talked about UPRR operational needs. They would prefer to have 2 receiving and departures tracks parallel to the existing track to simplify their operations. She also talked about building the facility in phases to help reduce the initial costs. Look at immediate needs and expand as future needs develop.
3. Truck traffic will be evaluated to see how facility will alleviate or reduce traffic on the local streets.
4. Wood Preservers are interested in the facility and may possibly utilize when they expand their facility.
5. Arm and Hammer expressed interest in having a storage tank in the new facility. They would pipe from the tank under the tracks and highway to their current facility.
6. Oldcastle talked about their current shipping operation and expressed interest in chassis storage as well as storage for pallets of rock bags. The rock shipments are currently being

shipped from Texas and Louisiana to Chicago. They are interested shipping the rock to Oskaloosa for distribution.

7. Nutrien expressed interest in liquid nitrogen storage. They currently ship from St. Louis and Canada to their current facility located south of Burlington. They ships 60-100 cars per year. Shipments are seasonal, typically 4-6 cars per week in the spring and fall. They would like to build a million gallon storage tank in Oskaloosa to help cut down on shipping costs.
8. PURIS needs a warehouse for food grade storage. Does not need to be refrigerated. They average 50 boxcars per month and would need a warehouse large enough to hold 6 cars at a time.
9. The question was raised on if it would be possible to run a spur parallel to 23<sup>rd</sup> street and develop the facility along 23<sup>rd</sup>. The possible was discussed, but as Mike noted, the reason we are looking at the current property is because it is already owned by the Chamber.
10. Oskaloosa Foods did not express interest at this time.
11. McClure and Chamber asked for those interested in the proposed facility to provide letters of support. McClure to furnish a template for the letters.
12. UPRR will provide a letter of support.