Jo-Carroll Depot LRA Board of Directors
18901 B Street
Savanna Depot Business, Industry & Technology Park
Savanna, IL 61074

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 5th, 2026

JCDLRA Board Room

Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5791926975
Meeting ID: 579 192 6975

I. Call to Order – Chairman Steve Keeffer called the August 5th, 2026 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Roll Call – was answered as follows: Present – Steve Keeffer, Bill Wright, Kevin Reibel, Tim Wand, Bill Robinson and Susan Jacobs.

Staff present: Mara Roche, Rob Davies.

Attorney Phil Jensen was present.

Others present: Amiee Martelle (Riverport Railroad), Linda Balcom (Balcom Environmental), Sara Renkes (Carroll County), Hendrica Regez (Public), Bruce Radke (Eastland Feed & Grain)

3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Agenda Additions – None
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Draft meeting minutes of the June meeting were presented for review.

Mr. Reibel made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wand seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Old Business

A. Grant Update – The Office of Economic Adjustment Grant will be closing out August 31st. OLDCC will be contacted to see if funds that are still available under Specialized Legal can be recategorized for other usage until the end of the grant. A reimbursement request has been submitted to the DOE. The LRA was notified on July 7th that it was not selected for the BUILD Grant to rebuild the access road. Recipients of the CRISSI Grant for the railway system are expected to be announced later in the fall.

B. Depot Display Agreement: No update. Ms. Roche stated that the owners of the campground has expressed interest in the display and would like to start a museum. Mr. Robinson stated that he would go to the next board meeting for the Savanna Cultural Museum. Discussion followed.

7. New Business

A. Bills over $2,500: - None.

B. Staff Reports

1. Executive Director:

a. Report/issues updates – The request from Inserv and Riverport Railroad to replace a section of track owned by the Army has been approved. Ms. Martelle provided a synopsis on the work that would be performed.

b. Caretaker Agreement – The performance work statement and budget statement has been submitted to the Army's contracting office. No response as of date.

c. Correspondence – None.

d. Property transfers – Parcel 8 is anticipated to be transferred before the end of the fiscal year. The Army is considering the transfer of the Water Tower and Sewage Treatment Plant to the LRA.

e. Employment report – 75.

2. Deputy Director – Mr. Davies provided an update on the DOE and DCEO grants.

3. Bookkeeping

a. Bank Account Balances – As of July 31st total cash on hand: $62,517.40.

b. CD Transfers - A CD will be up for review October 21st .

c. Cash flow – Cash flow for the month of July

July Income: $32,954.28
July Expenses: $54,006.94
Loss of $21,52.66

d. Budget Update – FY2026

Income: $486,495.63
Expenses $529,997.34
Loss of $43,501.71

e. Water/Sewer Income and Expenses:

June Income: $0.00
June Cost:$2860.00

July Income: $0.00
July Cost: $4781.17

YTD: Cost $41,235.60
Income YTD: $0.00

YTD deficit of $41,235.60. Actual loss $27,548.60

f. Outstanding Invoices –

C. Board of Directors Reports

1. Foreign Trade Zone #271 – The FTZ will have its next meeting August 19th.
2. Enterprise Zone – None.

3. Other directors' reports – None.

D. Attorney's Report – None.

E. Other New Business – None.

8. Reports to the Board

A. Site Manager / BRAC Environmental Coordinator –

1. NEPA Work at LRA Parcel 20: Army policy changes affected the programmatic agreements and preservation covenants. Project is on hold until Army legal determination in how to proceed. Guidance is anticipated nex week.
2. LRA Parcel 8: Updated legal description to remove an easement that was never recorded from the document is complete. IEPA and USEPA reviewing changes and will move the EC through their sign off chains. The Deed is being drafted and will include the EC when it is submitted to LRA for review.
3. LRA Parcel Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and LRA 10W (Water Tower): ECP Update legal review to be completed. Survey and Legal description requested.
4. PFAS: Field work for phase 2 RI at Sites 67 (near the fire station) and 84 along River Road will begin late summer. The installation wide PFAS investigation will be a new contract action tentatively planning for award by the end of FY26 (Sep 30). Site 20 is included in that investigation and in an effort to speed things up for LRA Parcel 20 the Army will break Site 20 out in a standalone contract for remedial investigation to avoid the potential of being held up by the larger installation wide project.
5. SVDA Water Supply Study: The contractor is compiling a report with the recent information provided by the LRA. And additional information request for clarification was submitted last week via email.
6. LRA Caretaker Contract: Contracting officer was not available to give update on awarding the contract.
7. Inserv Track Expansion: Letter of approval was sent July 14th, 2026.

B. Tenants – Ms. Martelle provided an update.

C. UMRI Port District – Mr. Keeffer provided an update. The next UMRIPD Board meeting will be Sept. 2nd at 1 p.m.

D. USFWS – No Update.

E. Water/Sewer Operator Update – There was a system walkthrough performed by the IEPA in July. Results are anticipated to be received soon.

F. Guests – None.

9. Public Comments – Ms. Regez asked for clarification on if the PFAS Parcel 20 standalone contract was going to be awarded in the 2026 Fiscal Year. Ms. Roche stated that it does not specify if it would be awarded in the 2026 fiscal year, only that it would be a standalone contract to help expediate the process.

10. Adjournment – **Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jacobs seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.