

HICKOCK RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSING V OPEN

MEETINGS JAN 7TH & 8TH 2008

- Our OBJECTIVE is to keep crossing open

- Spell
29+ years
- Who-Mary Arendse ON Behalf of "neighbor of Dike Road" whom over 60-70 signed petition against Hickock closure Mostly seniors & generations of farming neighbors

- Safety : Response time for medical aid and fire trucks
Those closest to town served by cedar-dale fire dept. will be in jeopardy of receiving care and response time they have been accustomed to.

- Our fire station was moved to serve the district

- Let's not go backwards, will BN pay to re-locate our fire hall? What is one life worth? a stroke or heart attack can be reversed or even saved by minutes

- Amtrak service or Fuel Storage?

- Mt. Vernon Rail way receives \$500. Pr Mo Pr Tanker?

- This area repeatedly has storage tankers from Blackburn beyond Hickock crossing.

- BNRR provided their studies- have others provided any?

- In summary:

1. Share the crossing- keep it open "Evacuation Route"
2. Allow our emergency services study time
3. Is Am- track service is a diversion from the truth?
4. Determine if this truly is a Refinery need? If so does Hwy 20 has room for expansion? Lets Find a Solution - not closing
5. Don't close this crossing! Don't jeopardize our property values or insurance rates, this farming community can't afford it!

I AM A REAL Estate Broker in Skagit County, it
concern many property owners ARE affected.