

Sioux City Lines

Bob Vickery

The focus of the layout is the 30 foot long CB&Q and GN interchange yard at Sioux City, Iowa. There is an engine facility at Dakota City, Nebraska that serves all railroads and includes a roundhouse, machine shop, power plant, turntable, coaling tower, sand house, and diesel fueling facility.

Trains originate at staging tracks. CB&Q trains move from staging on the South end and GN and IC trains move from staging on the North end of the layout.

Primary industries on the layout are focused on moving cattle, meat, hides, canned goods, milled grain, various grains, by products of these industries, various fuels, coal, TTOF, and interchange traffic with the CNW and MILW railroads.

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Layout at a glance

Name: Robert Vickery

Scale: HO

Size: 1800 Sq Ft

Prototype: Great Northern, Chicago Burlington and Quincy, Illinois Central

Era: 1945 to 1967

Style: Walkaround

Mainline run: IC 300 feet, GN 250 feet, CS&Q 50 feet

Control: Digitrax DCC



Operating positions: Everyone works as the engineer and brakeman.

Sioux City Yard Master (one of Robert's regulars)

Primary duties: Supervise the CB&Q and GN yard operators and the assistant yard operator.

Sioux City Yard Operators (2 positions – works individually under Yard Masters direction)

Primary duties: Classify cars and build trains for the CB&Q and GN

Sioux City Yard Assistant (1 position - works individually under Yard Masters direction)

Primary duties: Run yard transfers between the Sioux City Yard and the Dakota City Yard.

Work the Sioux City industrial district: Stockyard, TOFC, 4 industries, Ice House, and Freight House.

Dakota City Yard Master (one of Robert's regulars)

Primary duties: Supervise the IC Yard Operator and the assistant yard operator.

Dakota City Yard Operator (1 position - works individually under the Yard Masters direction)

Primary duties: Classify cars and build trains for the IC.

Dakota City Yard Assistant (1 position - works individually under the Yard Masters direction)

Primary duties: Run yard transfers between the Dakota City Yard and the Dakota City Yard.

Work the Dakota City Joint Engine Facility, the Dakota City Team Tracks and the CNW Interchange.

Main Line Operators (currently 3 positions or 6 positions if a brakeman is available)

Primary duties: Run extras (all turns are extras) IC 2 extras currently (note the Hinton extra is currently not operational), CB&Q 2 extras, and GN 1 extra currently (note the Hinton and James extras are currently not operation). Run Mainline trains (not scheduled, run when 20 to 30 cars become available) IC 3 from staging and 3 from IC yard to staging, CB&Q 4 from staging and 4 from Sioux City Yard to staging, and GN 4 from staging and 4 from Sioux City Yard.