

MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

Friday, November 22, 2002, 12:30p.m.
Dane County Highway Garage
Basement Conference Room
Madison, WI

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was call to order by Chairman Hoesly at approximately 12:35 p.m. The following roll call was recorded.

Members Present: Bob Hoesly, Harvey Kubly, Oscar Olson, Judy Olson, Paul Ziehli

Others Present: Roger Larson, WisDOT District One Railroads; Tom Clauder, Office of the Commissioner on Railroads; Wade Wittenwyler, Monticello; Bill Gardner, WSOR; and Kenneth Lucht, SWWRPC

2. Proof of Public Notice

It was noted that the meeting notice had been sent to the Green County and Dane County Clerks for posting in the county courthouses. Also, notice was sent to several news media. The meeting notice was also posted at the office of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Platteville, WI.

J. Olson moved, P. Ziehli seconded that the meeting was properly noticed. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

P. Ziehli Moved, O. Olson seconded, that the agenda approved as distributed. Motion carried.

4. Approval of July 23, 2002, Meeting Minutes

O. Olson Moved, P. Ziehli seconded, that the minutes of the July 23, 2002 commission meeting be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Bills / Treasurer's Report

H. Kubly, Commission Treasurer, presented the attached Treasurer's Report and the following bills. H. Kubly noted that there are three bills to be presented to the commission today for payment. The bills were discussed:

Kraemer, Browlee & Infield, LLC. (Yr. 2000 Legal Services)	\$975.25
Kraemer, Brownlee & Infield, LLC (Yr. 2002 Legal Services)	\$275.33
Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	\$4,000.00

K. Lucht presented a resolution before the commission with regards to the hiring of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for Yr. 2003 Staff Services. The fee for staff services would remain at \$4,000.00. J. Olson moved, O. Olson seconded, adopting the resolution and contracting with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to provide staff services for the year 2003. Motion carried.

K. Lucht presented an engagement letter from Johnson Block & Company for auditing services for the years 1999, 2000, and 2001. The fee for this service would be \$1,800. H. Kubly moved, J. Olson seconded, authorizing Johnson Block & Company to provide a three-year audit for the year 1999, 2000, and 2001. Motion carried.

6. Special Announcements / Board Comments

None.

7. General Commission Business

K. Lucht mentioned that the “Coordinating Committee” of Freight Rail Transit Commissions had its first meeting on August 2, 2002. Several issues such as property management, project development and need, funding considerations, etc were all discussed. The committee decided to meet next in December.

8. Property Management Issues

K. Lucht reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is in the midst of project development of the U.S. Hwy 20 bypass of Freeport, IL. The project will take place just north of Freeport, IL and will intersect the rail corridor near Fairview Road. IDOT has inquired as to what type of bridge or structure specifications the SCWRTC requires when building a highway over the corridor. Staff has directed IDOT to build the westbound bridge structure to the exact specifications as was built the eastbound structure. Staff has not heard back from IDOT with any comments or concerns.

9. Badger State Trail Update

K. Lucht reported on the progress of the Badger State Trail from Madison to the Illinois State Line. Currently, the trail is closed until further development. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has received money for brushing and signing. Tree and brush cutting is 97% complete. WDNR is waiting to cut the brush for the last ½ mile until an MG&E underground line project is done. Trail signing is 40% complete. WDNR will wait until bridge construction work is done before installing posts with signs. Bridge projects are on hold pending funding assistance. Work on the tunnel near New Glarus is expected to take place as part of the 2003-05 biennial budget. Surfacing of the trail is also awaiting funding through the 03-05 budget.

10. Old Business

A. Update on Badger State Ethanol Plant Project – City of Monroe

B. Gardner reported that Badger State Ethanol is currently servicing between 7 & 10 cars of ethanol per day from BSE’s facility. Additionally, WSOR is handling approximately 7 – 10

cars of distiller's grain per day. Grain is coming inbound. BSE is already talking about expansion of their newly developed facility.

B. None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Set Next Meeting Date

Chairman Hoesly stated that the next SCWRTC meeting will be called by the chairman when the need arises. It is expected that this fall/winter will be the next SCWRTC meeting.

13. Adjournment

H. Kubly moved, P. Ziehle seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Judy Olson, Secretary

Recorded by: Kenneth Lucht, SWWRPC