

# SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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## ADOPTED MINUTES

**Wednesday April 27th 2011, 2:00pm, Fitchburg DNR Facilities, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI**

- 1) Harvey Kubly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- 2) Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum:

Commission members present for all or part of the meeting:			
Dane	Jim Haefs-Flemming		X
	Jay Allen		
	Paul Ziehli	Vice Chair	
Green	Harvey Kubly	Chair	X
	Oscar Olson	Treasurer	X
	Ron Wolter		X

Others present for all or part of the meeting:	
Amy Seeboth	SCWRTC Administrator & SWWRPC
Jim Tracey, Frank Huntington and Ethan Johnson	WDOT
Dana White-Quam	WDNR

- 3) Certification of Public Notice – *Haefs-Flemming / Wolter – Passed Unanimously*
- 4) Motion approving the Agenda, prepared by *Seeboth- Olson/ Wolter – Passed Unanimously*
- 5) Motion approving the draft January Minutes - *Olson / Haefs-Flemming - Passed Unanimously*
- 6) Public Comment – None
- 7) Correspondence & Communications – None

## REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8) **SCWRTC Financial Report** – Oscar Olson, SCWRTC Treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report and provided an overview.
  - **Motion approving the April Treasurer’s Report** – *Haefs-Flemming / Wolter - Passed Unanimously*
  - **Motion approving payment of Bills** – *Wolter / Haefs-Flemming - Passed Unanimously*
- 9) **SCWRTC Administrator’s Report**- Seeboth had no report.
- 10) **WisDOT** – Applications for the Freight Rail Improvement Program were due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. The DOT received about \$90 million in requests for this program, but only \$30 million made it into new budget as currently proposed. The DOT is looking at acquiring Union Pacific lines in the Madison area and up to Reedsburg, this is about 65-75 miles of track – this alone is likely a \$30 million acquisition. The other big application that the DOT received is a \$33 million application from WSOR for system-wide bridge repairs. The DOT is also reviewing a number of loan projects at this time.

The DOT has also been working with the University of Wisconsin-Madison regarding the Charter Street power plant project. The WRRTC has the mainline that goes past the power plant and so the DOT has mostly worked with WRRTC on this project thus far, but the property in question is right where the old SCWRTC corridor connects to the WRRTC corridor. This year Gov. Walker terminated the biofuels element of the power plant project and this is negating the need to work on many of the track changes that they were working on. Some of this will still be part of the power plant upgrades for a parking lot and driveway.

- 11) **DNR Report** – Dana White-Quam, Wisconsin DNR Regional Park Specialist reported to the Commission. She said that there is a new pilot program for UTV’s (ultra-terrain vehicles). They can now ride on ATV trails in certain circumstances when the jurisdiction allows. She does not yet know if Badger Trail will be affected by this (ATV’s are

currently allowed on the trail between Monroe and Monticello in winter months when there is not enough snow for snowmobiles). She will keep the Commission informed on this.

White-Quam also reported that a new ADA regulation went into effect in March. The regulation allows persons with disabilities to operate any motorized vehicle on a trail. The individual has to request this right from the property manager and the property manager has to do a review to determine which, if any, motorized vehicles can be operated on the trail. They are not allowed to go any faster than the fastest pedestrian use.

**12) Update on IL Tax Issue** – Seeboth mailed a letter to the IDNR and Stephenson County (and unregistered to the Friends of the Trail and City of Freeport, IL) requesting payment of \$12,844.91 by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 or the SCWRTC will “take action to begin enforcing a breach of the contract.” Seeboth said she had not yet heard from Illinois but will keep the Commission informed.

**13) SCWRTC 2011 Elections** –

- Motion to table this item until a new person is appointed to replace Paul – *Haefs-Flemming / Wolter* – *Passed Unanimously*

**14) 3:34 pm Adjournment** – *Wolter / Kubly* - *Passed Unanimously*