

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday Oct. 26th 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	X
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
Frank Huntington	WDOT
Dana White-Quam	WDNR

- 3) Motion certifying proper public notice – Ziehli / Wolter – Passed Unanimously
- 4) Motion approving the Agenda, prepared by Seeboth- Haefs-Flemming/ Olson – Passed Unanimously
- 5) Motion approving the draft July, August and September Minutes - Olson / Wolter - Passed Unanimously
- 6) Public Comment – None
- 7) Correspondence & Communications – Seeboth noted that the IL tax issue is resolved: the SCWRTC received a check from IL DNR reimbursing SCWRTC for past taxes paid (\$12,844.91 paid on 7/27/11). Seeboth also reminded the Commissioners that the WI DOT Annual Freight Rail Conference is next week and Commissioners should consider attending.

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 October Treasurer’s Report – Ziehli / Haefs-Flemming - Passed Unanimously
 - Motion approving payment of Bills (Johnson Block invoice approval is pending audit approval later in the meeting)– Wolter / Ziehli - Passed Unanimously
- 9) SCWRTC Administrator’s Report- Seeboth updated the Commission on administrative tasks and the commission approved of proposed 2012 meeting dates.
- 10) WisDOT – Frank Huntington also reminded the Commission of the WI DOT Freight Rail Conference next week and encouraged the Commissioners to attend. He updated the Commission on DOT freight rail projects in the area: the Madison to Milton rehab project where welded rail is in the process of being installed. In Waukesha a section of rail is being rebuilt and re-aligned. The DOT is still considering acquiring the UP line between Madison and Reedsburg. Huntington also reported that a lot of frac sand mines are opening in northern Wisconsin and this is dramatically increasing the number of cars in northern Wisconsin. Finally, he said that the formation of a new rail transit commission is being considered in northern Wisconsin.
- 11) DNR Report – Dana White-Quam, from the Wisconsin DNR said that things have been quiet along the Badger State Trail, but she wanted to know about who is responsible for private crossing requests along the corridor (WDNR or SCWRTC). Seeboth explained that the primary responsibility rests on SCWRTC, but that they must assure that WDNR has the ability to review and comment on all private crossing requests as well.

- 12) Consideration and possible approval of 2010 SCWRTC Audit with Johnson Block – Ziehli / Wolter – Passed Unanimously**
- 13) Consideration and possible approval of SCWRTC Fee Schedule –** The Commission had several questions regarding the proposed fee schedule: Can a rail transit commission charge a fee in IL on active or inactive corridors? How are private and public crossings handled in IL? Can the SCWRTC charge more for special meetings? The Commission asked Seeboth to research these questions and get back to them with a revised version of the Schedule.
- 14) Consideration and possible approval of SCWRTC Utility and Crossing Permit Applications-** The Commission noted that the same questions above also apply to Utility and Crossing Permits and requested that Seeboth revise these permits according to her findings above and bring the permits back for review at the next meeting.
- 15) 3:29 pm Adjournment – Ziehli / Olson - Passed Unanimously**