

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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 MEMBER COUNTIES: DANE • GREEN

**Wednesday, April 24th, 2018, 2:00 PM, Verona Public Library Fitchburg DNR Facility,
 Conference Room, 500 Silent St., Verona, WI 53593**

1. 2:04 Call to Order – Harvey Kubly, Chair

2. Roll Call. Establishment of Quorum – Matthew Honer, SCWRTC Administrator

	Commission members present for all/part of meeting:	Others present for all/part of meeting:
Dane County	Jay Allen	<i>Excused</i>
	Chris James	<i>X</i>
	Roger Hillebrand, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Green County	Harvey Kubly, <i>Chair</i>	<i>X</i>
	Oscar Olson, <i>Secretary</i>	<i>X</i>
	Paul Beach, <i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Excused</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Honer - Admin. • Kathryn Gehrke – WIDNR. • Kim Tollers – WisDOT.

3. Action Item. Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice – Prepared by Honer

Honer stated that the agendas, cancellations, rescheduled agendas, and amended agendas were sent to the clerks and we received confirmation of posting.

- *Motion to approve certification of meeting – Olson/James. Passed Unanimously*

4. Action Item. Approval of Amended Agenda – Prepared by Honer

- *Motion to approve agenda – Olson/James. Passed Unanimously*

5. Action Item. Approval of draft February 2019 meeting minutes – Prepared by Honer.

- *Motion to approve February 2019 minutes – James/Olson. Passed Unanimously*

6. Updates. Announcements by Commissioners

7. Updates. Public Comment

8. Action Item. Officer Elections

Honer stated that the charter prescribes that elections are to happen every year. The Charter states there should be a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. Honer stated that he would start by looking for a chair nomination.

- *Motion to nominate existing officers – James/Olson. Passed Unanimously. None Opposed.*

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

9. SCWRTC Financial Report – Kubly, Chair.

Kubly reported that receipts were interest. The disbursements are for Q3 and Q4 for SWWRPC, BoardmanClark, and Paul Beach for a total of \$3,562.32.

Total funds between savings and checking is \$149,593.86. There was a discussion that if it would make sense to pay the penalty in order to receive a better interest rate.

- *Motion to approve treasurer’s report – Olson/James. Passed Unanimously.*

Kubly reported on an invoice from SWWRPC for Q1.

- *Motion to approve – Olson/James. Passed Unanimously.*

10. WisDOT Report – Kim Tollers, WisDOT.

Tollers reported that WisDOT is working on the permit allowing the abutments and approaches for the Overhead Crossing Bridge at Highway PD/McKee Rd. Tollers stated that there are internal discussions about the type of permit the crossing will be. Tollers stated there is an internal discussion regarding Temporary Access Permits and the meaning behind permits.

11. WIDNR Report – Kathryn Gehrke, WIDNR.

Gehrke reported flooding damage near Lovell Lane and that some filling and utility work has been done. Marketplace Drive has been removed and a private access driveway was updated. There was a lot of invasive species removal. Stewart Tunnel will be closed indefinitely due to ice and graffiti. Tollers asked if there was an update on the doors for the Stewart Tunnel. Gehrke said that there is no update at this time. Tollers asked if the WIDNR and the Commission is interested in working with an organization that may be interested in prairie restoration along the corridor. Tollers stated that there is interest in habitat restoration to help avoid the monarch butterfly being an endangered species. Tollers stated that she was part of a ROW initiative on the Monarch Collaborative. Tollers stated that the Badger State Trail is an ideal candidate for this type of project. Gehrke stated that she will discuss it with the WIDNR. Tollers stated that she will present the corridor back as a potential candidate.

12. SCWRTC Administrator’s Report – Honer, SCWRTC Admin.

Honer reported that the Interim Trail Use Agreement between Illinois Department of Natural Resources, WisDOT, and the Commission has been finalized. The term of the agreement was for another 20 years and the terms of the agreement remain for the most part unchanged. Honer stated that the agreement with the City of Madison for the Southwest Commuter Path is currently in the works between WisDOT and the City of Madison. After the commission approved the agreement being renewed, WisDOT stated they would like to work to address issues within the agreement. Honer stated that the Interim Trail Use agreement with WIDNR is in effect until 2032.

Honer stated that Eileen Brownlee has suggested that commissioners undertake an oath of office. Honer stated that he has the oaths available but that they need a notary signature. Honer stated that Commissioners can take an oath and have it notarized and return it or have it notarized at an upcoming meeting that Brownlee will be at.

13. Discussion and possible action of Staff Services Agreement with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. – Honer, Admin.

Honer explained that the staff services agreement is the same as previous years and is a renewal.

- *Motion to renew the staff services agreement with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for 2020 – James/Olson. Passed Unanimously.*

14. Discussion on 2020 Budget - Honer, Admin.

Honer stated that the budget needs to be approved at the next meeting and wanted the commission to get a chance to review it and offer comments on it prior to the meeting that it will need to be approved at. There were no further questions regarding the budget.

15. Action Item - Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 2:38 pm – Olson/James. Passed Unanimously.*