

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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MEMBER COUNTIES: DANE · GREEN

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2:00 PM, Fitchburg DNR Facility,
Raptor Conference Room, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53571-5367**

1. **2:04 PM** **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:
Jay Allen, Dane Co.	<i>Absent</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy Maggied, SWWRPC Matthew Honer, Admin. SCWRTC Brad Bates, WIDNR
Jim Haefs-Flemming, Dane Co.	<i>Excused</i>	
Roger Hillebrand, Dane Co.	<i>Present</i>	
Harvey Kubly, Green Co., Chair	<i>Present</i>	
Oscar Olson, Green Co.	<i>Present</i>	
Ron Wolter, Green Co. Treasurer	<i>Present</i>	

3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - Motion to approve certification of meeting – Wolter/Olson, Passed Unanimously*
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - Motion to approve agenda – Wolter/Olson, Passed Unanimously*
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft July 2017 meeting minutes** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - Motion to approve July 2017 minutes – Olson/Wolter, Passed Unanimously*
6. Updates. **Public Comment**

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

7. SCWRTC Financial Report – *Ron Wolter, SCWRTC Treasurer.*
Wolter reported the treasurer’s report. The checking balance on 6/30/2017 was \$10,039.54. Total Receipts to 9/30 were \$37.40 and total disbursements were \$1,689.86. Total balance of checking on July 26th was \$8,387.08. Total balance as of September 30th, 2017 of CD savings accounts and checking accounts is \$158,387.08.

- Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report– Olson/Hillebrand., Passed Unanimously.*

Wolter had no bills to present.

8. WisDOT Report – *Kim Tollers, WisDOT.*
Kim Tollers had no specific items to present except the Annual Rail Conference on October 31st. Kubly asked about the Great Lakes Basin RR project, Tollers had nothing new to report regarding the Great Lakes Basin RR project.

9. WIDNR Report – *Brad Bates, WIDNR.*
Bates reported that there is a project to fill cracks on the northern part of the Badger State Trail. Since July there were some closures in the Basco and Clarno areas for erosion and tree damage issues.

10. SCWRTC Administrator's Report – Honer, SCWRTC Admin.

Honer reported that he had been in contact with the Dane County Executive's office regarding the resignation of Paul Ziehli and nomination of Roger Hillebrand. Honer reported that he had been in contact with George Bellovic of Illinois DNR and Steve Ehlbeck of the Jane Addams Trail Commission regarding the operation of the Jane Addams Trail. Honer reported that he had a long conversations with Ehlbeck regarding trail maintenance, agreements, and communication between the Jane Addams Trail Commission, the IDNR, and the SCWRTC. Honer stated that the lease with the Illinois Department of Resources ends in 2019. Tollers stated it is an opportunity to clarify issues. Kubly stated it is a good opportunity to clarify the processes utility permits and liability.

Honer stated he was part of a conversation with members of WisDOT, WIDNR, UW-Platteville, and Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning (SWWRPC) regarding the Stewart Tunnel on the trail. The Tunnel currently has issues with failing masonry and rock from the ceiling. The WIDNR has been using netting to repair the ceiling failures but this has been very expensive and does not stop the issue from getting worse. Currently the DNR has limited funding to be using to continue to maintain the tunnel and are not sure what needs to be done regarding it. The next topic of discussion was to bring in a group of senior engineering students from UW – Platteville to develop solutions to the problem as part of their Senior Design Capstone. Honer reported that there was a follow up conversation with John Fick, the university's senior design coordinator, regarding the tunnel. Honer stated that Fick was optimistic about the Tunnel being chosen as a project for the upcoming spring semester. Fick had questions about the ability of WIDNR, WisDOT, or the Commission to provide reimbursement or donations to students. Tollers reported that WisDOT does not have a mechanism to undertake this. Maggied stated that reimbursement for mileage could be several hundred dollars and suggested that a cap could be placed on it. Kubly suggested that it be discussed at the initial meetings. Honer suggested to continue the discussion and have possible action at the January meeting.

11. Discussion on Administrators 2018 Work Plan – Honer, SCWRTC Admin.

Honer presented the 2018 Administrators Work Plan.

12. Discussion and Action on Schedule of 2018 Meetings – Honer, SCWRTC Admin.

Honer presented the following dates: January 24th, May 16th, July 25th, and October 24th. Kubly suggested that the May date be the fourth week of the month to be consistent, changing the date to May 23rd.

- *Motion to accept the dates of January 24th, May 23rd, July 25th, and October 24th– Wolter/Olson, Passed Unanimously.*

13. Action Item - Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 3:00 pm – Olson/Wolter, Passed Unanimously*