

WRRTC OCTOBER 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 11/8/2024

**Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission
Commission Meeting – Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10:00 am**

1. 10:00 AM **Call to Order – Marty Krueger, Chair**

2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum – Misty Molzof, Admin**

Crawford	Carl Orr, <i>1st Vice Chair</i>	X	Jefferson	Mary Roberts	<i>Excused</i>
	Mark Gilberts	X		John Kannard, <i>Vice Secretary</i>	X
	Tom Cornford	<i>Excused</i>		Jeff Smith	X
				Dan Herbst, <i>Alternate</i>	
Dane	Kevin Potter	X	Rock	Dave Homan, <i>2nd Vice Treasurer</i>	X
	Jeff Huttenburg, <i>Treasurer</i>	X		Tom Brien	<i>Excused</i>
	Jim Bolitho	X		Kevin Stone	X
Grant	David Wiederholt	<i>Excused</i>	Sauk	Brian Peper	<i>Excused</i>
	Mike Lieurance	X		Gaile Burchill	X
	Robert Scallon, <i>2nd Vice Chair</i>	X		Marty Krueger, <i>Chair</i>	X
				Tim McCumber, <i>Alternate</i>	X
Green	Harvey Kubly, <i>1st Vice Treasurer</i>	X	Walworth	Al Stanek	<i>Excused</i>
	Larry Kranig	<i>Excused</i>		Richard Kuhnke, <i>2nd Vice Secretary</i>	<i>Excused</i>
	Mark Gundlach	X		Allan Polyock	X
Iowa	Charles Anderson, <i>Secretary</i>	X	Waukesha	Rick Beutler, <i>3rd Vice Treasurer</i>	X
	Kate Reimann	X		Richard Morris	X
	Craig Hardy	X		Karl Nilson	<i>Excused</i>

Commission met quorum.

Others present for all or some of the meeting:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misty Molzof, SWWRPC • Scott Edmundson, Lisa Stern, and Ben Mohlke, WisDOT • Ken Lucht, WSOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Anderson, Pink Lady RTC • Don Vruwink, OCR • Tom Pinion, City of Baraboo Engineer
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3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice – Noticed by Molzof.**

4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda – Prepared by Molzof.**

- *Motion to approve the agenda as posted. Scallon/Orr. – Passed Unanimously.*

5. Action Item. **Approval of draft September 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Prepared by Molzof.**

- *Motion to approve the September 6, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Morris/Lieurance. Passed Unanimously.*

6. Updates. **Public Comment – Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair.**

7. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners**

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

8. **WRRTC Financial Report – Huttenburg, Treasurer**

- *Motion to approve the August, 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Kannard/Gilberts. Passed Unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve the Boardman & Clark Invoice that was postponed at last month’s meeting for the revised amount of \$7,084.00. Anderson/Kannard. Passed Unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve the 3rd Quarter, 2024 payment to Southwestern WI Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$8,166.25. Morris/McCumber. Passed Unanimously.*

9. **Wisconsin & Southern Railroad’s Report on Operations – Lucht, WSOR**

Lucht reported on maintenance activities in the Village of Darien and the partnership to close 3rd Street crossing for safety and efficiency purposes, as well as assistance with reconstruction of WI Street; WSOR has petitioned OCR for closure of Powers Avenue in Madison; progress is being made on private crossing agreements and the right of entry, both of which are required; WSOR met with the City of Lodi regarding a possible pedestrian underpass; work on property issues with Scott Edmundson, Misty, and Marty has started; business is slow right now; Fox Lake tie and resurface project is complete; and work is underway with Village Edge Road in Arena.

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10. WisDOT Report – Mohlke - WisDOT.

Mohlke stated that the Janesville Bridge project is progressing with preliminary engineering and environmental studies beginning; Merrimac Bridge project is going well and updates were provided in packet; and the Freight Rail Conference is scheduled for November 12th, please let Molzof know if you want more information and she will get in touch with Mohlke.

11. Committee Updates / Recommendations

Huttenburg stated that Treno Services started work on Monday, September 30th and the project is going well.

12. Agreement with Partners, WSOR and WisDOT, as it pertains to Commission owned property and professional services sought – Krueger, Chair.

8a. Consideration of and action on possible motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e), which permits the Commission to convene into closed session for the purpose of conducting specific business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of bargaining agreement with partners as it pertains to commission owned property and possibility of seeking competitive professional services as stated under Action Item #8. – Krueger, Chair.

- *Motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) as noted above allowing WisDOT and WSOR attorneys and representatives to stay. Scallon/Reimann. Upon Roll Call Vote, Motion Passed Unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned to closed session at approximately 10:27 am.

Meeting reconvened into open session at approximately 10:56 am.

8d. Possible action on closed session matter, Agenda Item #8. – Krueger, Chair.

- *Motion to approve WSOR attorneys to proceed with filing a notice of formal claim jointly on behalf of Wisconsin Southern & Railroad (WSOR) and the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) against the City of Baraboo, and to authorize the WRRTC Litigation Committee to act on behalf of the Commission in negotiations while said claim is pending. Orr/Potter. Passed Unanimously.*

13. Adjournment.

- *Motion to Adjourn at 10:57 am. Kanard/Gilberts. Passed Unanimously.*