

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
DODGE COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DODGE)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN

2014-01 Meeting

The Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session February 11, 2014, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 6:30 p.m. CST. County Administrator Jim Elmquist opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

The County Administrator acknowledged those present and established that there was a quorum:

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Vacant	District #2
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	Steven Gray	District #5
Members absent:	David Erickson	District #4
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator

County Administrator Jim Elmquist took nominations for the position of Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Gray nominated Commissioner Peterson. The County Administrator called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the County Administrator closed nominations. Motion by Allen seconded by Gray to cast a unanimous ballot for Rodney Peterson as Chair of the Dodge County Regional Rail Authority for 2014. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner
Peterson Elected
Chair for 2014

The meeting was turned over to the new Chair, Rodney Peterson.

Meeting Turned
Over to New Chair

Commissioner Peterson took nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Gray nominated Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Peterson called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the Chair closed nominations. Motion by Gray seconded by Allen to cast a unanimous ballot for John Allen as Vice Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority for 2014. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Allen
Elected Vice Chair
for 2014

Commissioner Peterson took nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Allen nominated Commissioner Gray. The Chair called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the Chair closed nominations. Motion by Allen seconded by Gray to cast a unanimous ballot for Steven Gray as Secretary/Treasurer of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority for 2014. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Gray
Elected Secretary/
Treasurer for 2014

The Chair appointed County Administrator Jim Elmquist as the Clerk of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority.

Clerk Appointed

Motion by Gray seconded by Allen to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Agenda Approved

Commissioner Gray updated the Board on the Railroad Capacity Study which has been concluded and the issue seems closed at this time.

Railroad Projects Discussion

Mr. Gray also discussed the Zip Rail Study which is currently in the alignment study phase. There will be public hearings on the alignments which includes several bypass routes within Dodge County.

Commissioner Gray reported that the Railroad Transportation Forum has not met since late last year.

Mark Moenning stated that the Governor did not include money for this project in his bonding request. Mr. Moenning also stated that projects in the Twin Cities that involve passenger rail are much further advanced than the SE Zip Rail request.

The Chair asked for public input to the Railroad Authority.

Mark Moenning presented to the Board that the Citizens Against the Rochester Bypass (CARB) which focused on two conclusions 1) Yard Location and 2) Corridor Preservation. Yard relocation would address multiple local safety concerns at 9.7 million versus the bypass alternatives which was over 300 million. There was overall consensus that the corridor should be preserved and treated as an asset rather than let any parts of it be sold off.

Bill Quisly suggested the 2009 resolution the County Board took should be given to the current Board members for their review as it was stated it was well done.

The Chair thanked the public for their input.

Motion by Allen seconded by Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. CST.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

RODNEY PETERSON
CHAIR, REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: