

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
DODGE COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DODGE)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN

2016-01 Meeting

The Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session February 9, 2016, in the Commissioner's Room at the Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 10:32 a.m. CST. County Administrator Jim Elmquist opened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

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

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Tim Tjosaas	District #2
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	David Erickson	District #4
	Steven Gray	District #5
Members absent:	None	
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy Clerk

County Administrator Jim Elmquist took nominations for the position of Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Gray, Commissioner Tjosaas seconded the nomination. The County Administrator called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the County Administrator closed nominations. Motion by Erickson seconded by Tjosaas to cast a unanimous ballot for Steven Gray as Chair of the Dodge County Regional Rail Authority for 2016. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Gray
Elected Chair for
2016

The meeting was turned over to the new Chair, Steven Gray.

Meeting Turned
Over to New Chair

Commissioner Gray took nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Erickson nominated Commissioner Tjosaas, Commissioner Peterson seconded the nomination. Commissioner Gray called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the Chair closed nominations. Motion by Erickson seconded by Peterson to cast a unanimous ballot for Tim Tjosaas as Vice Chair of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority for 2016. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner
Tjosaas Elected
Vice Chair for 2016

Commissioner Gray took nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Erickson nominated Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Allen seconded the nomination. The Chair called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, the Chair closed nominations. Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to cast a unanimous ballot for Rodney Peterson as Secretary/Treasurer of the Dodge County Regional Railroad Authority for 2016. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner
Peterson Elected
Secretary/
Treasurer for 2016

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

Clerk Appointed

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

Agenda Approved

General discussion took place regarding where things are at with the zip rail discussions, high speed rail discussions, etc.

Railroad Projects Discussion

Commissioner Erickson stated the county has already gone on record stating its opposition to the zip rail. Mr. Erickson stated Dodge County's position has not changed on the zip rail.

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to reaffirm Dodge County's prior opposition to the Southern Rail Corridor Bypass as indicted in resolution #2015-01RRA which was approve at the April 28, 2015 County Board meeting. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Southern Rail Corridor Bypass Opposition Reaffirmed

There were no members of the public present in the audience for this discussion item other than one member of the news media who regularly attends the County Board meetings.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. CST. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

STEVEN GRAY
CHAIR, REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: