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Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Present (Members): Jeremy Gragert, Gretchen Yonko, Tracy Carlson, Taylor Greenwell, Erik Evensen, Gary Stene, Robbie Krejci, Jim Dunning, Scott Rogers, Ann Schell

Present (Ex-officio): Eric Anderson, Erik Guenard, Trista MatasCastillo, Bambi Pattermann, Lindsey Douglas, Beth Schommer, Adam Wehling

Others: Ray Chambers (AIPRO), William Anderson (Rail Coalition), Mason Baxter, Ethan Osteen, Peter Schwartz (FRA), Wynne Davis (FRA), Daniel Elder (Washington County), Evelyn Nelson, Gregg Baxter, Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham, Samantha Kraegenbrink, Katie Jackson (at 8:48 a.m.)

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Dunning called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and confirmed meeting notice. Samantha Kraegenbrink requested a discussion at a future meeting to determine posting needs for all members of the commission.

Roll Call

Samantha Kraegenbrink called for roll call of voting members and ex-officio members.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2022

Samantha Kraegenbrink advised that she made small changes to the last bolded item on page 1, adding "Claire" after Eau and removing "Rob Krejci Yonko second" at the end. Motion by Gary Stene to approve minutes as corrected; seconded by Gretchen Yonko. All in favor, minutes approved.

Corridor Identification and Development Program – Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Peter Schwartz and Wynne Davis from FRA provided background on the Corridor Identification and Development Program and applicant eligibility.

Update on state rail plan

Scott Rogers provided a brief update on the state rail plan from WisDot including their plan to submit expressions of interest and the potential to run a shuttle from Eau Claire/Menomonie to Tomah for the new rail that is being implemented.

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Update on the status of commitments for funding contributions from Commission Members

- St. Croix County Transportation Committee is not prepared to commit to funding at this time as a financial partner.
- Dunn County will be reviewing the request over the next month.
- City of Altoona requests budget be created to further view where other funds beyond the \$12,000 for market sounding may be used for.
- Village of Baldwin are not prepared to commit to funding at this time as a financial partner.

Report on work plan for the market sounding from Ray Chambers, AIPRO

Ray Chambers advised that AIPRO is submitting a development plan to the FRA for inclusion. Will provide a draft of planning details and the approach to the project, including planning meetings.

Update on site requirements

Ann Schell provided background on site requirements. Samantha Kraegenbrink e-mailed a document to members that included a list of resources to see what involved in development of a station.

Agenda items for future meetings

- Commission Budget
- Discussion of Ray Chambers proposals

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be December 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Eau Claire County

Attest:

Jeremy Gragert – Commission Secretary