

MINUTES

Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Present (Ex-officio members): Eric Anderson, Lindsey Douglas, Jake Wrasse, Beth Schommer, Adam Wehling, Lisa Stern

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink, Krista Vind, Matt Manier, Ray Chambers, Evelyn Nelson, Gregg Baxter, Kadi Wright, Kathryn Schauf, Katie Jackson, Kendra Ellner, Mason Baxter, Sharon McIlquham

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Jim Dunning called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2022

Gary Stene motioned to approve the minutes as amended by Chair Dunning to correct the title of the document from “Agenda” to “Minutes” and an amendment by Scott Rogers to correct the spelling of Winnie to Wynne and to include the last name Davis. With corrections, all members were in favor. Minutes approved.

Market Sounding Update

Scott Rogers provided a brief update followed by Ray Chambers with a summary of the meeting with Union Pacific on December 12. There have been 90 expressions of interests submitted, including two from this commission. Grants will be coming available with 0% match. The key is for the commission is to complete an application that the FRA will want to accept for the commission to receive a \$500,000 grant. Timing: FRA will release a solicitation (expected December 15), the application deadline will be 90 days, if accepted, the commission will receive \$500,000. Scott Rogers discussed the possibility of this area being a pilot project.

Commission Budget

Current Commitments:

- Eau Claire County
- City of Menomonie
- Dunn County

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- Rail Coalition
- City of Eau Claire
- CVTC (\$1,000.00)

The commission reviewed the request from Scott Rogers for reimbursement for a market sounding meeting in Omaha:

\$437.20 Delta Round Trip MSP-OMA (Dec 11-12)
\$104.00 Groome Shuttle Round Trip Eau Claire-MSP
\$ 15.92 Lyft Omaha Airport to Hotel
\$ 70.31 Lodging Hilton Garden Inn (Friends & Family Rate)
\$627.43 Total

Motion by Gary Stene, seconded by Gretchen Yonko. On roll call vote, all in favor and reimbursement is approved.

Agenda items for future meetings

- WisDot State Rail Plan Update
- Station Development (February/March)

Future Meeting dates

- Third Wednesday of each month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Eau Claire County

Attest:



Jeremy Gragert – Commission Secretary