

MINUTES

Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
Dunn County Administration Building
3001 US Highway 12 E., Lower-Level Room 054 • Menomonie, WI 54751

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

Present (ex-officio members): Eric Anderson, Eric Guenard, Bambi Pattermann, Beth Schommer, Lisa Stern, Jake Wrasse (8:48 a.m. arrival)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Krista Vind, Alex Gramovot, William Anderson, Daniel Elder, Jeff Abboud, Kadi Wright, Kendra Ellner, Kevin Roggenbuck, Terry Brown (8:41 a.m. arrival), Greg Mathis (8:47 a.m. arrival)

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Dunning called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Roll call was called by the clerk and is listed above under present.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2023

Motion by Gary Stene, seconded by Scott Rogers. There were no deletions, corrections, or additions. By voice vote, all in favor; minutes approved.

State Rail Plan Draft – Alex Gramovot, WisDOT

Alex Gramovot from WisDOT provided a presentation on the current draft of the state rail plan; highlighting the critical pieces are identifying priorities, policies, and actions. Alex encourages to send draft comments regarding the plan as soon as possible; however, he anticipates the final plan to be ready around the end of March.

- Comments on the draft plan
 - Increase the mention of sustainability.
 - Plan does not seem to reflect a 2050 plan

WisDOT Update – Lisa Stern

Lisa Stern provided a WisDOT update as well as an update on the recruitment for a Passenger Rail Manager.

Update: Market Sounding and FRA Corridor Identification & Development Program – Scott Rogers and Ann Schell

Scott Rogers provided an update on Market Sounding and FRA Corridor Identification &

Development Program. March 7, 2023, is a tentative date, potentially in Ramsey County for continuing the market sounding work. More information will be provided once it is developed. The West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition recently had their annual meeting, and all sessions were recorded and available on the Rail Coalition's YouTube page.

Station site selection and planning

Reminder to commission members to keep the site selection and planning in mind and as a topic of discussion at respective organizations. Jeremy Gragert provided an example of the City of Madison completing their site selection study/planning and potentially asking some municipalities to budget in 2024 for a consultation on the selection and planning process.

Agenda items for future meetings

None noted at this time.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Eau Claire County Assistant to the County Administrator

ATTEST:



Jeremy Gragert, Commission Secretary