

MINUTES

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

Hybrid Meeting

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

Present (ex-officios): Ethan Osten, Bambi Pattermann, Eric Anderson, Lindsey Douglas, Lisa Stern

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Mason Baxter, Sharon McIlquham, Kathryn Schauf, Krista Vind, Terry Brown, Greg Mathis, Kendra Ellner, Gregg Baxter, Julie Neuhaus, Daniel Elder

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice at 8:30 a.m.

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

Roll Call

The roll was called and is listed above under present.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2023

Motion by Gary Stene. No deletions, additions or corrections. All in favor, minutes approved.

Election of Commission Chair and Commission Vice-chair

Motion by Gary Stene to elect Jim Dunning as chair, seconded by Scott Rogers. Gary Stene motioned to close nominations, seconded by Scott Rogers. All in favor of electing Jim Dunning as chair.

Motion by Scott Rogers to elect Gary Stene as vice-chair, seconded by Ann Schell. Motion by Scott Rogers to close nominations, seconded by Ann Schell. All in favor of electing Gary Stene as vice-chair.

Resolution to authorize the subcommittee to complete and submit the FRA application

Scott Rogers provided background on the resolution to authorize the subcommittee to complete and submit the FRA application. Scott Rogers motioned to approve, seconded by Gary Stene. No further discussion, all in favor.

Request for Letters of support

Scott Rogers discussed letters of support that are proposed to be provided to WisDOT and Big Sky Rail authority from the Commission. Scott Rogers motions to support sending letters, seconded by Ann Schell. All in favor.

Market Sounding, March 7, St. Paul - Report from participants

Mason Baxter and Scott Rogers provided a report to the members on the Market Sounding event that was held March 7 in St. Paul, MN.

Update on FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program

Lisa Stern provided a WisDOT update on applications into the FRA program. Scott Rogers also advised that work continues on the FRA application. The deadline is March 27, 2023. A decision is tentatively expected in August or September.

Agenda items for future meetings

- Potential Station locations
- Discussion/input on what we need to be thinking about for station siting.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be May 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Eau Claire County Assistant to the County Administrator

ATTEST:

Jeremy Gragert, Commission Secretary