

## MINUTES

Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission  
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.  
Dunn County Administration Building  
3001 US Highway 12 E., Room 60 • Menomonie, WI 54751

Members Present: Ann Schell, Scott Rogers, Gretchen Yonko, Jim Dunning, Gary Stene, Jeremy Gragert, Tracy Carlson, Tiffany Weiss, Taylor Greenwell

Members Absent: Tracy Carlson, Erik Evenson, Robbie Krejci

Ex-officio members present: Lisa Stern, Ethan Osten, Eric Anderson, Bambi Pattermann, Jake Wrasse, Greg Mathis

Ex-officio members absent: Erik Guenard, Lindsey Douglas, Beth Schommer, Adam Wehling

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink, Krista Vind, Ray Chambers (AIRPO), Mason Baxter (AIRPO), Terry Brown (WI Rail Coalition), Jeff Abboud (West Central WI Rail Coalition), Sam Burns (City of River Falls), Luke Kempen (Business Development – UWEC), Jackie Pavelski (West Central WI Rail Coalition), Heather Graves (State of WI), Daniel Elder (Washington County), Bill Anderson, David Schofield (City of Menomonie), Kevin Roggenbuck, Sara Allen (Washington County)

### **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 with municipality**

Roll call is listed above.

### **Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to make comment.

### **Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2023**

Correction to add Jackie Pavelski as in attendance. No other deletions, corrections, or additions. Gary Stene motioned to approve as amended; seconded by Gretchen Yonko. All in favor; minutes approved.

### **Station Planning & Development Committee - Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Commission has the authority to appoint a chair and vice-chair of the sub-committee. Scott Rogers will serve as chair and Eric Anderson will serve as vice-chair. Eric Anderson has also volunteered to complete more in depth notes and lists of needs for the commission. Motion by Gary Stene, seconded by Gretchen Yonko. All in favor of appointments.

## **Station Planning & Development - Report on the July 27 meeting**

Scott Rogers provided a brief background on the creation of the sub-committee. Eric Anderson provided the first meeting update and next steps. Ray Chambers also provided information on next steps and timeline on the FRA grant. The sub-committee will meet again in September or October.

### **WisDOT Update from Lisa Stern**

Lisa Stern provided a brief WisDOT update. A link to an FRA webinar will be provided to the membership. Advised still expecting to hear on the awards of the FRA grant in September or October.

### **Introduction and presentation: Office of the Commissioner of Railroads by Heather Graves, Legislative/Public Policy Analyst – Supervisor**

Heather Graves provided detail/information on railroad crossing safety and development.

Announcements and other updates

Chair Dunning offered to newcomers if there are questions, please reach out to himself or the Clerk, Samantha Kraegenbrink.

Scott Rogers will be traveling to Normal, IL to meet and tour the passenger rail facility.

Gretchen Yonko and Scott Rogers will be guests on the Menomonie Chamber podcast to discuss work on the rail commission.

Scott Rogers is doing a presentation on the Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement. Will discuss history of passenger rail and future vision.

### **Future meeting agenda items**

None offered at this time.

### **Determine next meeting date**

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator (Eau Claire County)

ATTEST:

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Jeremy Gragert, Secretary