

WISCONSIN RIVER RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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DATE: 1 June 2009
TO: Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commissioners & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC Trans. Planning Program Mgr. / WRRTC Administrator

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission Executive Committee Meeting - Friday, 5 June 2009 @ 10am Dane County Hwy Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison, WI

WRRTC's 2009 Schedule of Meetings:

JUN 5 XCom Mtg

JUL 10 XCom Mtg

AUG 7 Full Commission Meeting

SEP 11 XCom Mtg >>> RESCHEDULED TO AVOID LABOR DAY WEEKEND

OCT 9 XCom Mtg

NOV 6 Full Commission Meeting

DEC 4 XCom Mtg

NOTE: The WRRTC's meetings are **usually** held at 10:00 a.m. on the **first Friday after the first Tuesday** of the month at the **Dane County Highway Building** in Madison, WI.

NOTICE is sent to: County Clerks in WRRTC's Region for Posting and to Local News Media as an FYI.

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Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

Executive Committee Meeting - Friday, 5 June 2009 @ 10am

Dane County Hwy Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison, WI

Present: Frank Huntington, Jim Matzinger, Dick Goddard, Ben M. from WSOR

10 minutes estimated | Action Items

1. 10:00 AM **Call to Order** – Karl Nilson, Chair -
2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum** – Amy Seeboth
3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting's Public Notice** – Noticed by Seeboth - Anderson/Cornford
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – Prepared by Amy Seeboth – Dorscheide / VanSchwartz – leave item 15, report by Frank
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft Minutes from the May Full Commission meeting** – Prepared by Seeboth – Gray/Dorscheide – Correction in 13 "formal"
6. Updates. **Public Comment** – Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair - none
7. Updates. **Correspondence & Communications** – Time for reports / discussion may be limited by the Chair – I told them about the call I received from Rep. Hilgemburg – Sinklair reported that he had heard about the bridge in Sauk City. Frank didn't know about the bridge either. Find out what bridge this is and put it on the next agenda.

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

20 minutes estimated | Update

8. **Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's Report on Operations** – Ken Lucht, WSOR (Actually Ben)

Traffic is still down, occational surges. Recent news, new business starting- customers who have been idal for the past few months are starting to ship and receive a bit more.

- Monthly Maintenance Activities

All defects that are left are small joint defects. Still repairing some defects. Handed out a summary form. 321 defects total, 121 left to do. They leased the technology to xray and this technology is the best they have ever used...

- Report on Spring 2009 Rail Detector Results for Southern Division

- Update on 2008 & 2009 Capital Projects

Working on budget...

- Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics)

10 minutes estimated | Update & Possible Action

9. **Consideration / Action on 2010 Capital Projects** – Ken Lucht, WSOR – Forward – Expecting that by the next commission meeting we will have a budget and then we can stop forwarding this.

10 minutes estimated | Update & Action Items

10. **WRRTC Financial Report** – Jim Matzinger, Dane County CPA / WRRTC Accountant

- Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills
- Bill from WSOR for 2008 project (Milton) – paying what they have available even though bill is for \$32,000 dollars (more than the 24,174 that WRRTC has available. Said WSOR can take money out of another project and apply it to this project.

Forrest / Gray – passed

2007 Audit binder arrived – asked if we should hand them out or mail it to the county clerks – I will mail them. Rob Sinclair & gene gray want an email copy.

10 minutes estimated / Update

- 11. WRRTC Administrator's Report** – Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC Trans. Planning Program Manager / WRRTC Admin.
- www.wrrtc.org usage report
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).
 - Passed around contact information to get everyone's up to date email on a list. I said they should get me any changes they might have and I will get them new information at the next meeting.
 - Also passed around usage report.
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10 minutes estimated / Update & Possible Action

- 12. WisDOT** – Frank Huntington (WisDOT)
- *No Report Provided*
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).

Completed acquisition on Plymouth to Kohler (this was budgeted 2 years ago, money they already have), working on a couple other acquisitions still (Badger / Sheboygan and Chippewa). Forrest asked cost – Barron County around 2 mill. The Union Pacific between Rice Lake to Cameron BAH! are still negotiating (they want 5.5 mill, WisDOT is paying 3) (this money is also in the current budget already).

Over next 10 year can imagine about \$300 mil. in rail projects. Re-regulation bill is dead until they try to change it, but not going to chance it before the election next year. Dead but not dead enough.

10 minutes estimated / Update & Possible Action

- 13. Update on permits for demolition of structures on WRRTC property in Arena, WI** – Dorscheid & Seeboth

Note from Steve that everything is out of the village. Have verbal agreement about the flagging, missed the village meeting to be on the agenda. Got the public notice out spring green paper

10 minutes estimated / Update & Possible Action

- 14. WRRTC Insurance with Richgels-Schaefer Agency Inc.** – Seeboth

Treasures Bond Insurance- \$556.75 – same as last year – Cornford/Gray

Supplemental Liability Insurance- Frank explained that we originally got this because of employees on line (although WSOR holds WRRTC not liable for just about everything anyhow). Tom at insurance had advised that we kept this insurance. Several counties verified with their people that this is something we should keep doing. Coverage is (100 mil?) premium is same as last year (\$15,553) – in the approved budget for this year & in approved budget for last year. Ask what the SIR is and whether or not it includes the directors and officers as well. Authorize Me, Jim M. and Eileen to make sure that this coverage is what WRRTC needs.

VanSchwartz/ Anderson – passed

10 minutes estimated / Update & Possible Action

- 15. City of Brodhead Crossing Request** - Mark A. Schroeder legal representative for City of Brodhead

Frank reported on the fact that WisDOT is working on giving out this permit for them to work on the right-of-way. No action needed by WRRTC because it's not their deal.

Ben added that they are in cross plains now working on the bridge and starting to drive piling- will be out there for the next few days. And a few more updates on the quality of the cement and lack of rebar.

Scallon asked whether Richland County wants into WRRTC. Frank confirmed that Ken had spoken with them at some point recently, but knew nothing else. Ben said that it's a marketing attempt to make everyone aware that RR still exists.

10:11pm

Cornford / Scallon

Toms number: 412-1946 (correct this)

Larry – no home number, cell number is: 608-356-3530

Charles questions for Eileen- why do we need this insurance- what about a D&O Insurance policy?

Haulsey retired from the board-

16. *Action Item.* **Adjournment**