



Dakota County

Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

9:30 AM

**Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN**

(or following County Board)

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamann-Roland at 10:00 a.m.

Present

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
- Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Audio recording of the Regional Railroad Authority meeting is available upon request.

2. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

2.1 Resolution No:
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: William Droste

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

3. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

3.1 Resolution No:
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 25, 2025

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

3.2 Resolution No: 25-004
Authorization To Execute Contract With HDR, Inc., For Countywide At-Grade
Railroad Crossing Improvement Plan, County Project 97-237

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota
County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 97-237; and

WHEREAS, CP 97-237 is the At-Grade Railroad Crossing Improvement Plan;
and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department sent a Request For Proposal to
three qualified professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, the proposals received were evaluated by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from HDR, Inc., was the best value project
development costs and provides the services needed for the project; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2029 Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement
Program (CIP) budget includes \$600,000 to address existing at-grade railroad
crossings in need of replacement and/or enhancements, of which CP 97-237 will
use for actual costs not to exceed \$94,125 for professional plan development
services; and

WHEREAS, the County Transportation Director recommends execution of a
contract with HDR, Inc., for professional plan development services for CP
97-237 for actual costs not to exceed \$94,125.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional
Railroad Authority hereby authorizes its Board Chair to execute a contract with
HDR, Inc., to perform professional plan development services for CP 97-237 in
an amount not to exceed \$94,125, subject to approval by the County Attorney's
Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

4. Regular Agenda

No regular agenda items were presented.

5. Other Business/Staff Reports

No other business or staff reports.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Resolution No:
Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste
Secretary