



Dakota County

Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 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 10:50 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 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

On a motion by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on August 26, 2025

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 25-005

Authorization To Release Draft 2026-2030 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Program

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mike Slavik

County Engineer Erin Laberee briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Dakota Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) plans for capital projects that fulfill the Authority's purpose to preserve and improve transitways and rail corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires input from local communities in developing its Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the joint powers agreement between the Authority and Dakota County, Dakota County provides administrative services for the Authority, including development and management of the Authority's budget; and

WHEREAS, staff has compiled the draft 2026-2030 CIP; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-476 (September 24, 2024), the County Board also scheduled a public hearing for December 2, 2025, to receive comments on the Authority's 2026-2030 CIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes submission of the draft 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program summary to the cities and townships for formal review and comment prior to the public hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes posting the draft 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program to the Dakota County website to allow review from interested parties as a means of receiving further input prior to the adoption of the Capital Improvement Program in December 2025.

Ayes: 7

4.2 Resolution No: 25-006
Certification Of 2026 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Maximum
Proposed Property Tax Levy

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

County Engineer Erin Laberee briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) must certify a maximum proposed property tax levy for 2026 by September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will maintain continued involvement and participation in eligible initiatives related to railroads and transitways; and

WHEREAS, the Authority considers capital projects planned during the next five years through the Authority's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2026 Authority capital and operating budgets based on the Dakota County 2040 Transportation Plan do not require additional property tax levy revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is projected to maintain sufficient fund balance for the proposed Draft 2026- 2030 Authority CIP; and

WHEREAS, future Authority capital project and operating costs may be funded by Dakota County Transportation Sales and Use Tax or Transportation Advancement Account when eligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby certifies a maximum proposed property tax levy of \$0 for taxes payable in 2026.

Ayes: 7

5. Other Business/Staff Reports

No other business or staff reports.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste
Secretary