



Dakota County

Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

9:30 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

(or following County Board)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamann-Roland at 10:05 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

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

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

The 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: Liz Workman

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

3. Consent Agenda

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

3.1 Resolution No:
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on August 27, 2024

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

3.2 Resolution No: 24-006
Scheduling Of 2025 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Meetings

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority regular meetings are open to the public and subject to the Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stat. § 13D), which requires a schedule of regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) hereby adopts the following 2024 meeting schedule:

- January 7
- February 18
- March 25
- April 22
- May 20
- June 24
- July 29
- August 26
- September 23
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority meetings shall be scheduled at 9:30 a.m. (or following the County Board meeting) in the Boardroom, Administration Center, in Hastings, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this schedule can be amended throughout the year by vote of the Authority.

Ayes: 7

4. Regular Agenda

- 4.1** Resolution No: 24-007
Authorization To Release Draft 2025-2029 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Program

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Regional and Multi-Modal Transportation Manager Gina Mitteco 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 have compiled the draft 2025-2029 CIP; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-497 (October 24, 2023), the County Board also scheduled a public hearing for December 3, 2023, to receive comments on the Authority's 2025-2029 CIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes submission of the draft 2025-2029 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 the posting the draft 2025-2029 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 2024.

Ayes: 7

4.2 Resolution No: 24-008
Certification Of 2025 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Maximum Proposed Property Tax Levy

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

Regional and Multi-Modal Transportation Manager Gina Mitteco briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) must certify a maximum proposed property tax levy for 2025 by September 30, 2024; 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 2025 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 2025-2029 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 2025.

Ayes: 7

5. Other Business/Staff Reports

No other business or reports.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Resolution No:
Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste
Secretary