



# **Dakota County**

## **Regional Railroad Authority**

### **Minutes**

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**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

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

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**(or following County Board)**

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamann-Roland at 11:11 a.m.

<b>Present</b>	Commissioner Mike Slavik Commissioner Joe Atkins Commissioner Laurie Halverson Commissioner William Droste Commissioner Liz Workman Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland
<b>Absent</b>	Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg

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. Agenda**

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

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 6

#### **3. Election of 2025 Officers**

**3.1** Resolution No: 25-001  
Election of 2025 Regional Railroad Authority Chair

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

At this time, election of 2025 officers were held. Chair Hamann-Roland called for nominations for 2025 Chair. Commissioner Slavik placed the name of Commissioner Hamann-Roland in nomination. No additional names were placed in nomination.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby

closes nominations and casts a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Hamann-Roland as Regional Railroad Authority Chair for 2025.

Ayes: 6

**3.2** Resolution No: 25-002  
Election of 2025 Regional Railroad Authority Vice-Chair

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: William Droste

Chair Hamann-Roland called for nominations for 2025 Vice-Chair. Commissioner Workman placed the name of Commissioner Halverson in nomination. No additional names were placed in nomination.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby closes nominations and casts a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Halverson as Regional Railroad Authority Vice-Chair for 2025.

Ayes: 6

**3.3** Resolution No: 25-003  
Election of 2025 Regional Railroad Authority Secretary

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Chair Hamann-Roland called for nominations for 2025 Secretary. Commissioner Halverson placed the name of Commissioner Droste in nomination. No additional names were placed in nomination.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby closes nominations and casts a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Droste as Regional Railroad Authority Secretary for 2025.

Ayes: 6

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

**4.1** Resolution No:  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on December 17, 2024

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 6

**5. Other Business/Staff Reports**

There were no other business or staff reports.

**6. Adjournment**

**6.1** Resolution No:  
Adjournment

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Halverson,  
the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Ayes: 6

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste  
Secretary