



# Dakota County

## Regional Railroad Authority

### Minutes

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Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:30 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,  
Hastings, MN

(or following County Board)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamann-Roland at 9:40 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 Attorney; 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: Joe Atkins

Second: Liz Workman

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 September 24, 2024

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

**4. Regular Agenda****4.1 Resolution No: 24-009**

Certification Of Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Property Tax Levy  
And Adoption Of Budget For 2025

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mike Slavik

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

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) is  
granted powers under Minn. Stat. § 398A to plan, acquire, construct, preserve,  
and operate transitways and railroads; and

WHEREAS, the Authority develops a five-year plan for capital projects  
consistent with Authority powers and priorities through the Authority's Capital  
Improvement Program (CIP) Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager's Recommended 2025-2029 Authority CIP  
Budget identifies proposed projects to repair and replace railroad crossings of  
County Highways; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager's Recommended 2025 Authority Capital and  
Operating Budgets do not require additional funds from the 2025 property tax  
levy; and

WHEREAS, Authority capital project and operating costs may be funded by  
Authority Fund Balance until such time when the Authority Fund Balance  
reaches a level that can sustain Authority costs that are not eligible for use of  
Dakota County Transportation Sales and Use Tax or Transportation  
Advancement Account revenues; and

WHEREAS, a proposed maximum property tax levy of \$0 was certified by the  
Authority by Resolution No. 24-008 (September 24, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the County Manager's Recommended 2025 Authority Property Tax  
Levy of \$0 is the same as the 2024 levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional  
Railroad Authority hereby certifies to the Treasurer-Auditor the Dakota County  
Regional Railroad Authority property tax levy in the amount of \$0 for taxes  
payable in 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad  
Authority hereby adopts an Operating Budget of \$57,469; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad  
Authority hereby adopts a 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget of

\$600,000.

Ayes: 7

## 5. Other Business/Staff Reports

Chair Hamann-Roland recognized Intergovernmental Analyst Nathan Hanson for his service to Dakota County. Nathan will be leaving Dakota County to work as a Legislative Coordinator at Metropolitan Council.

## 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 9:47 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste  
Secretary