



# **Dakota County**

## **Regional Railroad Authority**

### **Minutes**

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**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

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

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**(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