

DRAFT MINUTES

PECATONICA RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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MEMBER COUNTIES: GREEN • IOWA • LAFAYETTE • ROCK

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Basement Conference Rm., Green County Courthouse
1016 16th Ave., Monroe, WI

1:00PM • Friday, February 17th, 2012

1. Harvey Kubly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – Mary Penn, PRTC Administrator

Commission members present for all/part of meeting:		Others present for all/part of meeting:	
Harvey Kubly, Green Co., PRTC Chair	x	Mary Penn, SWWRPC, PRTC Administrator	
Oscar Olson, Green Co., PRTC Treas.	x	Ken Lucht, WSOR	
Ron Wolter, Green Co.,	x	Roger Larson, WDOT	
Gerald Heinmann, Lafayette Co.		Frank Huntingdon WDOT 1:02 PM	
Leon Wolfe, Lafayette Co.	x	Mike Doyle, Green County Clerk	
Patrick Shea, Lafayette Co. Alternate		Bob Voegli, TCTC	
Ted Wiegl, Lafayette Co.	x		
Charles Anderson, Iowa Co., PRTC Sec.	Excused	Eileen Brownlee, PRTC Corporate Counsel	
Jerry Dorscheid, Iowa Co.	x		
Phillip Mrozinski, Iowa Co.	x		
Ben Coopman, Rock Co., Alternate			
Wayne Gustina, Rock Co.	x		
Alan Sweeney, Rock Co., 1 st Vice Chair	x		
Terry Thomas, Rock Co., 2 nd Vice Chair	x		

3. Certification of Meeting's Public Notice – *Noticed by Penn*

- Motion Thomas/Gustina, *passed unanimously*

4. Approval of Agenda – *Prepared by Penn*

- Motion accepting the Agenda: *Wiegl/Wolfe, passed unanimously*

5. Wisconsin & Southern Railroad: Update on Business Development.

Ken Lucht discussed WSOR freight issues as they related to hydrofracking sand shipping and added WSOR is partnering with Iowa County to apply for TIGER funds. Frank Huntingdon said that he will give a summary of applicants and funds granted at a future date.

6. Consideration and approval of WSOR Dec. 28, 2011 Request for contribution in the amount of \$15,644.09 (first 2011 request for contribution).

- Motion to approve the payment of \$15,626 to WSOR *Sweeney/Wolfe, passed unanimously*

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7. Definition of PRTC county contribution (Green, Iowa, and/or Rock) amount

There was extensive discussion on how the PRTC receives county contributions from their member counties. Commissioners were given a handout by Penn which delineated the distribution. Eileen Brownlee and Huntingdon gave some background on the funding structure as it has developed over time. The percentage of active rail in table format was distributed to the Commissioners and the group discussed the issue of funding based on active track percentages versus a set amount paid per County. Each funding system brings specific pros and cons but the Commission was reminded that the RTCs were created as a regional transportation system and thus the funding is regionally based. There was additional discussion regarding the creation a committee to create some sort of funding agreement between the PRTC and the WRRTC which needs to be available in writing so all parties are aware of both the funding amounts as well as the scale of distribution.

- **Motion to have the Chair appoint a 2 or 3 member committee to discuss funds sharing between WRRTC/PRTC**
Sweeney/Wolfe, passed unanimously

After the motion, Chair Kubly said as a practical matter the committee should not be organized until after the next regularly scheduled meeting due to spring elections and changes in Commission personnel.

8. Designation and approval of PRTC's 2012 county contribution recipient

Mike Doyle noted that the County had not been notified of its contribution increase of 2011 from \$25K to \$26K. He added that since the County does it budgeting in August, it was difficult to find a higher funding level at this time.

- **Motion to designate and approve the Green County contribution to go to PRTC** *Sweeney/Wiegl, passed unanimously*

9. Consideration and approval of developing a local match agreement to propose to WRRTC.

Item 9 was discussed in conjunction with Item 7 and motion made under Item 7.

10. Consideration and approval of WSOR request of \$123,000 for additional funding from PRTC

Lucht had presented the 2012 capital project funding strategy at the January meeting. Discussion centered on whether or not to release funds currently saved as CDs or to release the funding to WSOR for its 2012 projects which affect PRTC track. (This is funding in addition to the yearly County contribution.) Commissioner Thomas noted that lack of funding to track infrastructure might lead to larger costs in the future if emergency situations resulted from infrastructure failure. Philip Mrozinski identified there would be at least \$68K left to the Commission if the PRTC opted to spend the additional funding. Treasurer Olson noted that while this would be a lesser balance than in the past, he would be comfortable with that amount. Commissioner Wolfe concurred.

- **Motion to approve the \$123K to the 2012 WSOR rehab projects as a total amount** *Sweeney/Wolfe, passed unanimously*

11. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn** *Wiegl/Gustina, passed unanimously 2:24PM*