

**Minutes of the
East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium
Meeting of May 10, 2017**

East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium Meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Winker on May 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Columbia County Highway and Transportation Building, located at 303 Old Highway 16 West, Wycocena, WI 53969.

Certification Of Public Notice: Kimberly A. Nass certified that the notice of this meeting complies with all applicable requirements of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Roll call was taken.

Present: James E. Foley, Columbia County; Russell Kottke and Harold Johnson, Dodge County; Joseph Koch and Karen Madigan, Fond du Lac County; Dennis Mulder, Green Lake County; Thomas E. Winker, Ozaukee County; Richard Bemis and Mark Winkel, Sheboygan County; Dan Goetz and Jeff Schleif, Washington County; and Joel Rasmussen, Winnebago County.

Excused: Vicki Bernhagen, Green Lake County; Steve F. Taylor, Milwaukee County; Donald Dohrwardt, Ozaukee County; Jim Glavan, Sheboygan County; and, Larry Smith, Winnebago County.

Others Present: Ken Lucht, WSOR; Rich Kedzior, WisDOT; Chris Hardy, Columbia County Highway Commissioner; Kimberly A. Nass, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and, Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2016: Motion by Bemis/Foley to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Russell Kottke reported the following: The balance in the checkbook as of October 31, 2016, was \$1,000. Deposits were \$230,201.21. Expenditures were \$112,500.00. Transfers were \$117,701.21. As of March 31, 2017, the balance in the checkbook was \$1,000. Total EWCRC money on deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool as of March 31, 2017, is \$616,918.34. Motion by Goetz/Schlieff to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, and take action on EWCRC annual Financial Statement for 2016 prepared by the Dodge County Finance Department: There was consideration of and discussion about the EWCRC annual Financial Statement for 2016 prepared by the Dodge County Finance Department. Motion by Madigan/Koch to approve the 2016 EWCRC annual Financial Statement as presented in written form. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, approve, and authorize payment of invoice of Dodge County for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Department in 2016: There was consideration of and discussion about the statement for services that was presented for payment from Dodge County, in the amount of \$485.12 for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Director and staff, in

recordkeeping, accounting assistance, and in preparing the EWCR Annual Financial Report. Motion by Bemis/Rasmussen to approve payment of this invoice and to authorize and direct the Office of Dodge County Corporation Counsel to send payment to Dodge County, in the amount of \$485.12, for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Director and staff, in recordkeeping, accounting assistance, and in preparing the EWCR Annual Financial Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, approve, and authorize payment of invoice of Dodge County for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel Office in 2016: There was consideration of and discussion about the statement for services that was presented for payment from Dodge County, in the amount of \$3,219.81, for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel and staff in 2016. Motion by Bemis/Koch to approve payment of this invoice and to authorize and direct the Office of Dodge County Corporation Counsel to send payment to Dodge County, in the amount of \$3,219.81, for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel and staff in 2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, and take action regarding the request for signalized crossing by the Village of Richfield: The Village of Richfield Department of Public Works is requesting consideration from WSOR to install a signalized crossing located at or near Mayfield Road in the Village of Richfield. Ken Lucht stated that the Village of Richfield would have to file a petition with the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. The Village of Richfield requested that the EWCR draft a letter of support. Motion by Johnson/Foley to direct the Dodge County Corporation Counsel to draft a letter of support when the Village of Richfield has prepared a petition and is ready to submit it to the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, and take action on Report of WisDOT, Bureau of Railroads and Harbors: Rich Kedzior made the following oral report: WisDOT is working on the transportation budget for fiscal year 2017 and hopes to have it finalized by September of 2017; 2) Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc., has proposed a Transportation Building Program which is designed to provide additional rail, road and air transport capacity for the Midwest region. The Great Lakes Basin Transportation has filed its application to construct its Great Lake Basin Railroad with the Surface Transportation Board. 3) the 2017 WisDOT Annual Freight Railroad Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Consider, discuss, and take action on WSOR's Capital Improvement Plan presentation: Ken Lucht provided a handout to each of the members of the EWCR which provided an overview of WSOR's public/private partnership with the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium. Ken Lucht summarized WSOR's capital expenditures in the Northern Division, described the many rehabilitation projects that are included in WSOR's capital expenditures, and stated the sources of funding for each project.

Consider, discuss, and take action on report of WSOR: Ken Lucht reported the following: Bids will be out soon for bridge repairs in 2017 on the Northern Division. There are three bridges on the Cambria Subdivision, three bridges on the Plymouth Subdivision and one bridge on the Gibson spur that are in need of repairs. WSOR has an executed grant agreement for the CWR replacement project between Brandon and Ripon which is 7.5 miles. In 2017, WSOR will be rebuilding turnouts and crossings, and in 2018 WSOR will install the continuous welded rail. The EWCR 2016 and 2017 member county contributions are being used to help fund this rehabilitation project.

On the maintenance side, in the past couple of years WSOR has installed approximately 40,000 ties on the Oshkosh Subdivision to prepare for the installation of continuous welded rail. WSOR is replacing crossings at CTH E in Horicon this year, at Pilgrim Road in Germantown, and at Billard Avenue in Milwaukee. The Elizabeth Street crossing will also be rebuilt in Plymouth.

WSOR has a new customer in Waldo and is looking forward to working with them on building a new siding and switches so they can access the main rail line. This customer is located in Sheboygan County.

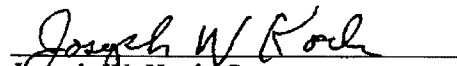
Ken is currently working on scheduling a date and time for WSOR's annual financial meeting. Rail transit commissions will delegate one or two people to attend the annual financial presentation which is usually held in Madison. WSOR reports its financial numbers in accordance with its operating agreement.

Date, time, and place of next meeting (July 12, 2017): The next regular EWCR meeting will be held on July 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Ozaukee County will host the meeting.

Motion by Bemis/Foley to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph W. Koch, Secretary

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