

**Minutes of the
East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium
Meeting of July 8, 2020**

East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium Meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Winker on July 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Fond du Lac County Highway Garage Facility, located at 1820 S. Hickory Road, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

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 and Bob Koch, Columbia County; Russell Kottke and Jeffrey Caine, Dodge County; Karen Madigan and John Zorn, Fond du Lac County; Dennis Mulder, Green Lake County; Thomas E. Winker and Marty Wolf, Ozaukee County; Roger TeStroete, Sheboygan County; and Jeff Schleif and Brian Gallitz, Washington County.

Excused: Milwaukee County and Winnebago County.

Others Present: Roger Roger Schaalma, WSOR; Don Pohlman, Mayor of the City of Plymouth; Kimberly A. Nass, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and, Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

Election of Officers:

Thomas Winker called for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman.

Chairman: Jeffrey Caine nominated Thomas Winker for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Motion by Schleif/Caine to cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Winker as Chairman. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Thomas Winker was elected Chairman of the EWCRC.

Upon election, Thomas Winker assumed the office of Chairman.

Vice Chairman: James Foley nominated Bob Koch for Vice Chairman. Brian Gallitz nominated Jeff Schleif for Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. A secret ballot vote was taken. The results were Bob Koch 6 votes and Jeff Schleif 6 votes. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Bylaws of the EWCRC, the winner was determined by the toss of a coin. Bob Koch was elected vice chairman of the EWCRC.

Secretary: Bob Koch nominated Jeff Schleif for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Koch/Winker to cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Schleif as Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jeff Schleif was elected Secretary of the EWCRC.

Treasurer: Jeff Caine nominated Russell Kottke for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Motion by Mulder/Winker to cast a unanimous ballot for Russell Kottke as Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Russell Kottke was elected Treasurer of the EWCRC.

Public Comment: Mayor Don Pohlman spoke about an accident that recently occurred at a railroad crossing in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Don Pohlman also spoke about the importance of safety and awareness of trains at railroad crossings.

Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2020: Motion by Koch/Schleif to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 1 abstained.

Financial Report: Russell Kottke reported the following: The balance in the checkbook as of February 29, 2020, was \$1,000.55. Deposits were \$200,000. There were no Expenditures. Transfers were \$200,000. Total EWCRC money on deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool as of May 31, 2020, is \$446,377.15. Motion by Foley/Caine to approve the 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 Finance Department in 2019: There was consideration of and discussion about the statement for services that was presented for payment from Dodge County, in the amount of \$700.00 for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Director and staff, in recordkeeping, accounting assistance, and in preparing the EWCRC Annual Financial Report. Motion by Mulder/Madigan 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 \$700.00, for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Director and staff, in recordkeeping, accounting assistance, and in preparing the EWCRC 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 2019: There was consideration of and discussion about the statement for services that was presented for payment from Dodge County, in the amount of \$3,835.36, for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel and staff in 2019. Motion by Foley/Mulder 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 \$3,835.36, for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel and staff in 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss, and take action on the level of funding by member counties for 2021: There was consideration of and discussion about the level of funding for member counties for 2021. Motion by Mulder/Schleif that the Board of Directors of the EWCRC recommend that each member county budget \$25,000 for its 2021 member county contribution to the EWCRC. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration/Action on EWCRC/WSOR 2020 Rehabilitation Project and Funding Strategy (Final Phase Oshkosh CWR Project): Roger Schaalma provided a handout to all members of the EWCRC regarding WSOR's 2020 Capital Plan. Roger Schaalma provided an overview of WSOR's 2020 Capital Plan and requested that the EWCRC consider contributing its 2020 member county contribution of \$225,000 to the Phase 3 continuous welded rail replacement project between Fisk and Oshkosh, located on the Oshkosh Subdivision. Motion by TeStroete/Caine for the EWCRC contribute its 2020 member county contribution of \$225,000 to the Phase 3 continuous welded rail replacement project between Fisk and Oshkosh, located on the Oshkosh Subdivision. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Report of WSOR: Roger Schaalma reported the following: WSOR is working with WisDOT on a continuous welded rail rehabilitation project on the Oshkosh Subdivision, from Fisk to Oshkosh, which is a Phase 3 rehabilitation project. WSOR is constructing four crossings and installing four switches between Fisk and Oshkosh. The rail has been delivered and will be installed in August or September of 2020. WSOR invited members of the consortium to visit one of its worksites and observe how WSOR takes out the old rail, and installs the new rail. In 2020, WSOR is going to replace 2,500 ties on the last four miles into Cambria, WSOR will be replacing 3,200 ties between Fairwater and Brandon, and WSOR will be installing 11,000 ties between Horicon and Slinger. In 2020, WSOR will be rehabilitating four at grade crossings. One at CTH A in Beaver Dam, one at CTH A in Fredonia, and one at Meadow Lark Street, and one at STH 44 in Brandon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all rail inspection tours will be postponed to a later date and time next year.

Date, time, and place of next meeting (September 9, 2020): The next regular EWCRC meeting will be held on September 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Dodge County will host the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schleif, Secretary

Disclaimer: These are draft minutes. These draft minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next meeting of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium.

**EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020**

**PREPARED FOR THE NOVEMBER 11, 2020 EWCRC MEETING
US BANK**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Date/Activity	Total Amount Of Income/ Expenditures/ Transfers	Balance
Balance as of May 31, 2020	\$ 1,000.55

DEPOSITS:

June 25, 2020 – Dodge County 2020 Member County Contribution (\$25,000 per County).	\$25,000.00 (deposit)	
August 10, 2020 – WSOR 2020 2rd Quarter Rent.	\$ 5,201.21 (deposit)	
*** No interest accrued for June, July, August, September or October of 2020***		
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 30,201.21

EXPENDITURES:

None	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 0.00

**TRANSFERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
INVESTMENT POOL:**

June 25, 2020 – Dodge County 2020 Member County Contribution (\$25,000 per County).	\$25,000.00 (deposit)	
August 10, 2020 – WSOR 2020 2rd Quarter Rent.	\$ 5,201.21 (deposit)	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 30,201.21
October 31, 2020 – BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK -----	\$ 1,000.55

**TOTAL EWCRC MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL \$476,824.13**
(as of October 31, 2020)

**EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES
RAILROAD CONSORTIUM**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

	Custodian Fund
	East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 246,219
Total current assets	246,219
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital Assets, net	2,600,021
Total noncurrent assets	2,600,021
Total Assets	\$ 2,846,240
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,535
Deferred Revenue	5,201
Total current liabilities	9,736
Net Position	
Net Investment in capital assets	2,600,021
Restricted for EWCRS activities	236,483
Total Net Position	2,836,504
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 2,846,240

EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Custodian Fund
	East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium
<u>Additions</u>	
County contributions	\$ 225,000
Interest Income	\$ 11,131
EWCRC Corridor Rent	20,805
Total Revenues	256,936
<u>Deductions</u>	
Operating Expenses	4,535
Depreciation	109,811
Total Deductions	114,346
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	142,590
Net Position-Beginning of year	2,693,914
Net Position-End of year	\$ 2,836,504

EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM

**Balance Sheet
December 31, 2019**

	<u>Custodian Fund</u> <u>East Wisconsin</u> <u>Counties Railroad</u> <u>Consortium</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash in the Bank	\$ 1,000
Investments	245,219
Total Assets	<u>\$ 246,219</u>
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>	
Capital Assets, net	\$2,600,021
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$2,600,021</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,846,240</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Deferred Revenue (Rent)	\$ 5,201
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,535
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,736</u>
<u>Net Position</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,820
Restricted for EWCR Activities	213,663
Total Net Position	<u>236,483</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 246,219</u>
 Total Restricted for EWCR activities	 236,483
Capital assets	3,480,503
Accumulated depreciation	(880,482)
Total net position	<u>2,836,504</u>

EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Custodian Fund East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium
<u>Revenues:</u>	
County contributions	\$ 225,000
Rent	20,805
Interest from Investments	11,131
Total Revenues	256,936
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Railroad Rehabilitation	450,000
Legal Charges	3,835
Accounting Charges	700
Total Expenditures	454,535
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(197,599)
Beginning of year	434,082
End of year	\$ 236,483
Net change in Restricted EWCRC Activities	(197,599)
Capital outlay	450,000
Depreciation expenses reported in the statement of activities	(109,811)
Change in net position	142,590

**EWCRC
12/31/2019**

Capital Assets

Description	Miles	Year	Life	Rail Cost	A/D 12/31/18	2019 depr	Net Fixed Assets	
							2019 depr	Assets
Waupun	5.6	1998	30	111,687	76,398	3,730	31,559	
Ripon & Brandon to Fairwater		1999	30	111,687	72,675	3,730	35,282	
Beaver Dam to Cambria	12.0	2000	30	111,687	68,952	3,730	39,005	
Beaver Dam to Cambria	10.3	2001	30	109,945	64,203	3,671	42,071	
Milton Junction-Janesville		2004	30	-	0	-	-	(1)
N Milwaukee-Goodland rd		2005	30	275,498	124,135	9,198	142,165	(2)
Janesville-Walworth		2006	30	-	0	-	-	(1)
Horicon-Hartford		2007	30	46,344	17,789	1,547	27,008	
Horicon-Hartford		2008	30	83,656	28,239	2,789	52,628	
		2008	30	180,000	61,250	6,000	112,750	
Milwaukee-Slinger		2011	30	251,653	62,910	8,388	180,355	
Milwaukee-Slinger		2012	30	398,346	86,307	13,278	298,761	
Saukville-Elkhart Lake	AA-1	2013	30	225,000	41,250	7,500	176,250	
Fairwater-Markesan		2015	30	225,000	24,375	7,500	193,125	
Fairwater-Markesan		2016	30	225,000	20,625	7,500	196,875	
Oshkosh Bridges		2016	30	112,500	11,250	3,750	97,500	
Oshkosh Bridges		2017	30	112,500	6,563	3,750	102,187	
Brandon to Ripon Rail		2018	30	450,000	3,750	15,000	431,250	
Brandon to Ripon Rail		2019	30	225,000		4,375	220,625	
Ripon to Fisk Rail		2019	30	225,000		4,375	220,625	
Balance at 12/31/19				3,480,503	770,671	109,811	2,600,021	
A/D Balance at 12/31/19					880,482			
Current additions								
prior year WIP				-				
current expenditures		2019		450,000				
accrued expenditures								
Total				450,000				

(1) These were joint projects with WWRTC. Costs were shared. Line belongs to WWRTC so costs were expensed by EWCRC.

(2) Also joint with WWRTC. This line is owned by EWCRC. Costs were capitalized. WWRTC share was also capitalized with a contribution recorded.

