

**Minutes of the  
East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium  
Meeting of July 13, 2022**

**East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Thomas Winker on July 13, 2022, at approximately 10:08 a.m., at the Dodge County Administration Building, Meeting Rooms H & I, located at 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau, 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.

**Present:** Char Holtan, Columbia County; Jeffrey Caine, Dodge County; Karen Madigan and John Zorn, Fond du Lac County; Dennis Mulder and Charlie Wielgosh, Green Lake County; Thomas E. Winker and Marty Wolf, Ozaukee County; Robert Hartwig, Washington County; and, Donald Nussbaum and Howard Miller, Winnebago County.

**Excused:** Henry St. Maurice, Columbia County; Dave Frohling, Dodge County; Milwaukee County; Roger TeStroete and Al Bosman, Sheboygan County; and Jeff Schleif, Washington County.

**Others Present:** Todd Wojciuk, Wisconsin Department of Transportation; Ken Lucht, WSOR; Leann Schultz, Kate Sullivan, Kimberly A. Nass, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and Kelly Lepple, Dodge County Corporation Counsel Office.

**Election of Officers:**

Kim Nass called for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman.

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

**Secretary:** Jeff Caine nominated John Zorn for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Madigan/Caine to cast a unanimous ballot for John Zorn as Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous vote. John Zorn was elected Secretary of the EWCRC.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Draft Minutes of May 11, 2022:** Motion by Madigan/Hartwig to approve the draft minutes of May 11, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Financial Report:** Jeff Caine reported for the period ending June 30, 2022. The balance in the checkbook as of April 30, 2022, was \$1,000.04. Deposits – None, Expenditures – None, and Transfers – None. Total EWCRC money on deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool as of May 31, 2022, is \$706,063.48. Motion by Wolf/Caine to approve the Financial Report and to direct the Corporation Counsel to contact Milwaukee County regarding payment of its 2022 member county contribution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, discuss, and take action on EWCRC Annual Financial Statement for 2021 prepared by the Dodge County Finance Department:** There was consideration of and discussion about the EWCRC annual Financial Statement for 2021 prepared by the Dodge County Finance Department. Motion by Caine/Holtan to approve the 2021 EWCRC Annual Financial Statement as presented in written form. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, discuss and take action on Glendale Yard – Beeline scale, fence and right-of-way:** Ken Lucht reported that WSOR has sent numerous proposals to Beeline regarding the relocation of a fence so WSOR can access a scale. WSOR researched the cost of relocating the fence and had the scale inspected. It would cost WSOR approximately \$50,000 to relocate the fence. Ken Lucht requested that the EWCRC send a letter to Beeline requesting that they relocate its fence closer to its building to a location agreeable to both WSOR and Beeline Properties, LLC, by not later than September 15, 2022, so that WSOR has the ability to use the driveway and truck scale for railroad purposes. Motion by Caine/Wolf to direct Kim Nass, Corporation Counsel, to draft and send a letter to Beeline asking them to relocate its fence by not later than September 15, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, discuss and take action on Leann Schultz acquiring adjacent corridor lands at 126 Wisconsin Street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin:** Todd Wojciuk stated that Leann Schultz is interested in acquiring adjacent corridor lands at 126 Wisconsin Street, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Todd Wojciuk provided an aerial map to the EWCRC members showing the 0.163 acres of surplus land that Leann Schultz would like to acquire from WisDOT. The land she would like to acquire is outside of the 50-foot right-of-way.

Ken Lucht asked two questions: “What is the closest point between Centerline and the northern part of the surplus right-of-way of the surplus land?” and, “Do you know the legal status of the former Y that leads to downtown, is that rail banked for future rail?” Todd Wojciuk will look into these matters and report back to the Consortium at its next meeting.

**WSOR Railroad Presentation:** Ken Lucht made an oral and PowerPoint presentation to the EWCRC regarding Wisconsin’s publicly-owned freight rail system, including history, current physical condition, its important role in economic development, and the need to make capital improvements to it.

**Fall railroad tour:** Ken Lucht reported that he has a couple of different options for a railroad tour. One rail excursion trip would be to travel from Horicon to Saukville and possibly tour Charter Steel located in Saukville. The other option would be to tour the Sheboygan Falls Subdivision and possibly tour Morrelle Transfer and Warehouse or Country Visions Cooperative, both located in Sheboygan Falls. Ken Lucht further stated that he will come up with a plan and have more details available at the next meeting of the

EWCRC.

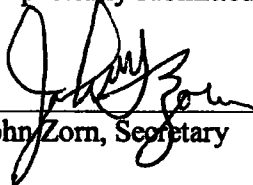
**Report of WisDOT Railroads and Harbors:** Todd Wojciuk stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.

**Report of WSOR:** Ken Lucht reported the following: United Cooperative in Oshkosh is moving forward with permitting for its track expansion project. United Cooperative is also working with WSOR on another track expansion project in Boscobel. United Cooperative has most of the utility work completed and is working on track grading. WSOR is working with a business located in the industrial park in Ripon, who are looking to build two tracks for off-loading of its materials. Hanke Trucking located in Ackerville, is building a new warehouse which will include some new tracks being installed. The Oshkosh terminal is growing. WSOR has a public/private partnership with the City of Oshkosh. The City owns the land and track at the Oshkosh terminal and WSOR has an operating agreement with them to use the track. WSOR also markets the Oshkosh terminal. WSOR is loading military vehicles for Oshkosh Defense and loading roofing granules that come from the Fox Valley.

**Date, time, and place of next meeting (September 14, 2022):** The next regular EWCRC meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Winnebago County will host the meeting to be held at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Motion by Hartwig/Wolf to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Zorn, 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.