

PRTC MAY 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED JULY 26, 2024

Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission Commission Meeting – Friday, May 24, 2024 at 1:00 pm

1. 1:00 PM **Call to Order – Molzof, Admin**
2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum – Misty Molzof, Admin**

Green	Harvey W. Kubly	X	Iowa	Charles Anderson, Secretary	X
	Larry Kranig	X		Bill Ladewig	X
	Russ Torkelson	Excused		Kevin Peterson	X
Lafayette	Jeff Berget	X	Rock	Tom Brien	X
	Luke McGuire	Excused		Dave Homan	Excused
	Donna Flannery	Excused		Kevin Stone	Excused
	Mark Pinch, Alternate	X			

Others present for all or some of the meeting:

- Misty Molzof, Administrator - Julia Potter, Attorney	- Max Blacbourn, TCTC - Ken Lucht, WSOR - Ben Mohlke, WisDOT
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3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting's Public Notice – Noticed by Molzof.**
 - Motion to approve meeting's public notice – Ladewig/Peterson. Passed Unanimously.
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda – Prepared by Molzof.**
 - Motion to approve the agenda. Berget/Ladewig. – Passed Unanimously.
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft January 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Prepared by Molzof.**
 - Motion to approve the January 26, 2024 meeting minutes. Ladewig/Pinch. Passed Unanimously.
6. Action Item. **Election of Officers**
 - Motion to nominate Kubly as Chair. Anderson/Ladewig. Passed Unanimously.
 - Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Kubly as Chair. Brien/Anderson. Passed Unanimously.
 - Motion to nominate Brien as 1st Vice-Chair, Anderson as Secretary, Flannery as Vice-Secretary, and postpone Treasurer until next meeting. Ladewig/Peterson. Passed Unanimously.
 - Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Brien as 1st Vice-Chair, Anderson as Secretary, and Flannery as Vice-Secretary. Berget/Kranig. Passed Unanimously.
7. Updates. **Public Comment – None.**
8. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners– None.**

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

9. **Approve Treasurers Report and Payment of Bills – Molzof, Admin**
 - Motion to approve treasurers report, payment of invoices to SWWRPC: \$1,928.00 for 1st quarter services, allocate a total of \$100,100 to the Janesville Bridge Project (2020-\$33,050, 2021-\$33,050, and 2022-\$34,000). Ladewig/Berget. Passed Unanimously.

Discussion on the draft 2025 budget was held.

10. **WSOR Operations Report – Lucht, WSOR**

Lucht updated commission on maintenance projects scheduled in 2024, locomotive shop progress, , and answered commissioner questions related to ethanol transport, tie projects, rail capacity, and diesel as an alternative fuel source.

11. **WisDOT Report – Mohlke, WisDOT.**

Mohlke reported that there has been a 10-year, \$1.5 million loan at 2% interest to Rio Creek at the Luxenburg Facility for grain bins to be built before this fall's harvest; Borealis Passenger rail was launched May 21st; and the Merrimac Bridge is being constructed according to the plan.

12. **Tri-County Trail Commission Report – Blackbourn, TCTC**

Blackbourn reported that annual maintenance including gravel, brush trimming and clean-up are done, there are 2 bridge rehab projects coming up, and the commission applied for 4 gravel surface grants. There is an ongoing issue with access to the trail and a property owners land by Gratiot that he and Molzof have been communicating about.

13. Administrator's Report – Molzof, Admin.

Molzof explained that property access and right-of-way issue down by Gratiot and will have more information at upcoming meeting. There may be a property line fence request for a property south of Mineral Point about 2 miles coming through.

14. Permit Requests, if any – Molzof, Admin

- *Motion to approve extending application previously approved for Frontier Communications to 12/31/2024, Mineral Point, WI. Ladewig/Berget. Passed Unanimously.*

15. Janesville Bridges MOU

- *Motion to approve Janesville Bridge MOU as presented by WisDOT and allocate \$100,100 towards the project. Ladewig/Brien. Passed Unanimously.*

16. Discussion on Encroachments and trespassing issues – Molzof, Admin.

No Updates at this time.

17. Trail Encroachment in Calamine, WI - Molzof, Admin.

18. Adjourn to Closed Session – Brownlee, Attorney.

- *Motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved related to a real estate matter(s) as listed on the agenda. Ladewig/Anderson. Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned to closed session at approximately 1:45 pm.*

Meeting returned to open session at 1:58 p.m.

- *Motion to pursue matter as discussed in closed session. Ladewig/Peterson. Passed with Kranig and Berget abstaining, no commissioners opposing.*

Kubly thanked Brownlee for her years of service, commitment and dedication to the Rail Transit Commissions and wished her well in retirement.

19. Adjournment.

- *Motion to Adjourn at 2:10 pm. Ladewig/Brien. Passed Unanimously.*