

PINK LADY RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 10:00am  
Sauk County Courthouse West Square  
University Extension Meeting Room - third floor

Attendance:

Commissioners present: Chair Alan Anderson, Vice Chair Virgil Kasper, John Geoghegan, Treasure. Dick Whitehurst.

Others Present: Dick Goddard, LSRHA, Robert Ristow, LSRHA, Kim Tollers, Wis DOT RHS, Ken Lucht, WSOR, Don Licht, Reedsburg Industrial Committee.

Called to order 10:00am by Chairman Anderson.

Anderson: Introduction of members and visitors.

Roll call: Anderson established a quorum present.

Certification of open meeting law. Meeting was certified as having met the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Whitehurst, second by Geoghegan to approve agenda. Carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes December 6, 2016. Moved by Kasper, seconded by Whitehurst to approve the minutes. Carried.

Treasures Report: Balance \$602.11. Moved by Geoghegan, second by Kasper to approve treasures report. Carried.

Chairman's report: Rail-to-trail n progress in Sauk. Sauk bridge issue needs to be resolved during 2017. Expect to have some trail in city limits complete in 2017.

-Information did not to cities prior to their budgets and they continued their budgets for \$600 in 2017. County will be at \$800.

WisDOT report: Kim Tollers

-New DOT secretary is in a money saving mode.

-Sauk trail: Needs to be approved and signed by DNR, then WisDOT.

-Sauk County and Wisconsin River Rail to negotiate the removal of the rail and ties.

WSOR report: Ken Lucht

-making a grant app for tie replacement for Reedsburg Sub. (700 -800 per mile). \$11 million project from Fitchburg to Baraboo over 5years.

-light loading is in effect for the Merrimac bridge until repair completed.

-2017 Spring Green bridge to be done, followed by Wauseka. Need for Prairie Sub also to replace the 80 and 90 rail over the next 5 - 6 years. Traffic calls for project being done now.

-WSOR receiving an award for Short Line Operation, on National level.

-Merrimac bridge under Phase I: Engineering to be done and span two replaced under emergency repair classification.

Old Business:

-Merrimac bridge: DOT dollars are secure. Expect major repair phase to be completed end of 2020. Will be classed for 286 carloads. The 263 will remain in-force until that date. Will be a 40 year fix.

-Economic Impact study: Most reports are in and working to get the balance of information established. Indication that car loads had a 45% increase since last survey.

New Business:

-Draft letter on WisDOT budget request presented. Asking for an increase from \$12 million proposal to \$20 million. Moved by Whitehurst, seconded by Geoghagen to approve. Carried.

Usage reports.

-Reedsburg-Don Litch: Frack sand shipments being studied. Hartje uses Reedsburg and LaCrosse rail.

-Baraboo -Dick Whitehurst: service is good and study.

Public Comment: NA

Meeting dates 2017: August 1st, December 5th West Square building, Room TBD.

Adjourned: 10:52 am. Approved Geoghagen, second Whitehurst.

Recorded by Virgil Kasper