

PINK LADY RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

<http://www.co.sauk.wi.us/pinklady/pink-lady-transit-commission>

Meeting - Tuesday August 2, 2016 @ 10:00am
Sauk County Courthouse West Square Rm B30
Baraboo, WI
Draft Minutes

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Chair Alan Anderson, Vice Chair Virgil Kasper, John Geoghegan, Secretary Doug Rockett, Elmer Ellis, Doug Hilber.

Not Present: Treas. Dick Whitehurst

Others Present: Bob Ristow, Dick Goddard, LSRHA, Marty Krueger, Sauk County Board Chairman, Kim Tollers, WisDOT RHS, Dave Simon, WisDOT, Chief RHS, Ben Bromley BNR

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Anderson. Introduction of visitors and members.

Roll Call: Quorum established.

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

Approval of agenda: Motion by Geoghegan, seconded by Kasper to approve agenda. Carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes April 6, 2016. Moved by Rockett, seconded by Ellis to approve April minutes with spelling corrections. Carried.

Treasures Report: Balance \$1,446.86. Moved by Geoghegan, seconded by Rockett to approve treasures report. Carried.

Chairman's Report: Chair Anderson reported that rail traffic is up.

-Reviewed the economic study conducted by UW Extension. Many businesses are dependent on the rail line in Baraboo and Reedsburg.

-Going to conduct a new impact study.

-Continuing to attend WWRTC meetings.

-Continued concerns about bike trail through Devils Lake State park.

WSOR report: Ken Lucht

-Rail repairs and safety fencing around Baraboo

-Bridge repairs North of Baraboo

-Continueing with rail inspections and weed control

-Repairs on bridges outside Sauk County

-Bridge over Wisconsin River at Spring Green. Grants awarded, Estimated cost ≈ \$10mm.

-Continuous welded rail projects going on around Waukesha. TIGER fund is not funding this project.

WisDOT update: Dave Simons,

-Reviewed the three options for the Merrimac bridge.

1. Restore option \$7.6mm would allow 263k cars at 10mph

2. Minimal option \$12.6mm

3. Sustainable option \$15-\$17mm would allow for 286 cars at 25mph. 40 year life expectancy. Dept endorsed this option.

-Approval by the Secretary of Transportation for funding in 2017 for basic repairs. There is a 4-5 year window for complete repairs.

-WSOR is working on local funding to match State funding for bridge repair.

Old Business:

-Like to schedule a current informational meeting with shippers. Looking at scheduling within the next couple months.

New Business:

-Budget for 2017. Asking for \$400 per commissioner. There is currently (7) commissioners. Motion by Kasper, Seconded by Geoghegan. Carried.

Local Reports:

Baraboo: -RR Donnelly has changed business name to LSC Communication. Business as usual.

-Rail repairs completed in Baraboo Industrial park.

Rock Springs: -Grain shipping has been around 25 cars per week.

-COOP is installing a big addition.

Reedsburg: - Doug Hilber: Hardwoods are having steady business. Exporting is slow this time of year.

-Doug Rockett: Primex is down in usage YTD. Business is overall slow. WATCO and Rep Brooks toured the Primex facility

Legislative comments: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Next Meeting: December 6th, 2016, West Square building, Room TBD

Adjourned: 11:03 am. Approved Geoghegan, Seconded Rockett

Recorded by Doug Rockett.