

MINUTES

Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 8:30 A.M.
Virtual Meeting by Microsoft Teams

Present (voting members): Gretchen Yonko, Taylor Greenwell, Gary Stene, Robbie Krejci, Jim Dunning, Scott Rogers, Ann Schell, Emily Berge (8:34 a.m.)

Present (ex-officio): Eric Anderson, Erik Guenard, Kevin Roggenbuck, Bambi Pattermann, Vic Stone, Kyran Hamill, Adam Wehling

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Krista Vind (technology resource), Ray Chambers, Dan Schillinger, Emily Shively, Heather Graves, Ian Weisser, Janet Campbell-Lorenc, Jeff Abboud, Beth Kulick, Andy Olson, Sara Allen, Steve Jahn, Terry Brown

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Dunning called the meeting to order and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2024

Motion by Gary Stene, seconded by Ann Schell. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor, motion carried.

FRA Scoping Study Update – HDR

Andy Olson provided an update on the scoping study update.

Updates:

- West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition
 - Scott Rogers provided an overview of the most recent West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition. A recording is available from this meeting.
 - March 5th, Chippewa Valley Rally. If interested, reach out to Scott Rogers.
 - If members would like an update/presentation to your entity, reach out to Scott Rogers.
- Ramsey County/Union Depot
 - Kevin Roggenbuck provided an update and presentation.

Preliminary discussion on Step 2 and matching fund sources

Scott Rogers briefly spoke about step 2 (Service Development Plan) and funding required during this step. Step 2 is a 90% federally funded study, leaving 10% for state/local entities to cover. Encourages communities to begin conversations to help identify funding for the 10%.

Next meeting date

The next meeting will be on March 19 (virtual only.) The following meeting will be on April 30 (hybrid.)

Future meeting agenda items

None at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk
Executive Office Administrator (Eau Claire County)

ATTEST:

Gretchen Yonko – Commission Secretary