



**MINUTES
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
9:00 AM**

(1) CONVENE

The Regional Rail Authority Board of Commissioners, in and for the County of Scott, Minnesota, met in the County Board Room in the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, and convened at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Beer, and Commissioner Ulrich. Commissioner Weckman Brekke presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Jeanne Andersen, Senior Attorney
2. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator/CFO
3. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
4. Brad Davis, Planning and Resource Management Director
5. Lisa Freese, Transportation Services Director
6. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
7. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
8. Dr. Tawnya Ward, Behavioral Health and Housing Director
9. Lori Huss, Employee Relations Director
10. Adam Pirri, Chief Deputy Sheriff
11. Brian Beasley, Facilities Operations Manager
12. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Vonna Wala, We Choose Us, Savage

(2) AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Agenda Item 4.1 was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Non-Consent Agenda due to a presentation accompanying the Agenda Item.

Motion by Commissioner Wolf. seconded by Commissioner Brennan. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) APPROVE MINUTES

- 3.1 September 19, 2023 Regional Rail Authority Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich, the September 19, 2023 Regional Rail Authority Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

(4) STEWARDSHIP: WE WILL WORK PROACTIVELY TO MAKE INVESTMENTS, GUIDED BY RESIDENT INPUT, WHICH WILL TRANSFORM LIVES, COMMUNITIES, AND GOVERNMENT

- 4.1 Adopt Resolution No. RRA 2024-001; Establishing a Final Levy of \$400,000 for 2025 for the Scott County Regional Rail Authority for the Purpose of Inclusion in the Proposed Property Tax Statements

Deputy County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Danny Lenz presented the 2025 Regional Rail Authority Levy. The Montgomery-New Prague Union Pacific Rail Line faces future potential abandonment. For the first time in many years, a Regional Rail Levy is proposed for the future purchase of the rail line to provide trail connections from the southern portion of the County into the regional system. The rail line aligns closely with County's Regional Trail Plan in a way that is minimally intrusive to property owners.

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.

(5) OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

(6) ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.