

PECATONICA RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

20 S Court Street • PO Box 262 • Platteville, Wisconsin 53818

MEMBER COUNTIES: GREEN • IOWA • LAFAYETTE • ROCK

1:00 PM • Friday, January 28, 2022 • Green Co. Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom • 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI

1. 1:00 PM **Call to Order** – *Harvey Kubly, Chair*
2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum** – *Matthew Honer, Administrator*

Commissioners present for all or part of the meeting:

Commissioner			Position	Present	Commissioner			Position	Present
Green	Harvey W. Kubly	Chair		X	Iowa	Charles Anderson	Secretary		Excused
	Oscar Olson			X		Bill Ladewig			X
	John Buol			Excused		Ricky Rolfsmeyer			X
Lafayette	Nancy Fisker			X	Rock	Wayne Gustina			X
	Eric Stauffacher			X		Alan Sweeney	Vice Chair		X
	Donna Flannery	Vice Secretary		X		Russ Podzilni			X
	John Reichling	Alternate				*indicates zoom attendance.			

Commission achieved quorum.

Other present for all or some of the meeting:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Honer – Admin. • Todd Wojciuk – WisDOT • Eileen Brownlee, BoardmanClark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Lucht – WSOR • Jeff Stauffacher, Lafayette County Resident.
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3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice** – *Noticed by Honer*
 - *Motion to approve certification of public meeting – Ladewig/Rolfsmeyer. Passed Unanimously.*
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - *Motion to approve the agenda – Flannery/Gustina. Passed Unanimously.*
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft October 2021 Minutes** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - *Motion to approve the draft October 2021 minutes – Ladewig/Olson. Passed Unanimously.*
6. Updates. **Public Comment** – *Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair*
None.
7. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners** – *Discussion may be limited by the Chair*
None

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

8. PRTC Financial Report – *Honer, Admin*

Honer provided an update on the cash flow and balance sheet for Q4 2021.

- *Motion to authorize Harvey or John to renew the CD coming due in March – Ladewig/Gustina. Approved Unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve Treasurer’s report and pay the bills. – Podzilni/Ladewig. Approved Unanimously.*

9. WSOR Operation's Report – Lucht, WSOR

Lucht stated WSOR is in maintenance mode at the moment with no contractors on the Monroe Subdivision. In the spring there will be contractors replacing crossings in Orfordville. Lucht stated WSOR submitted two applications for the WisDOT FRPP program, one for tie rehab work on the Reedsburg Subdivision and the other for a series of seven bridges on the network. Lucht Stated WSOR is working to acquire 650 miles of CN track, known as the blue lines which are former shortline systems. Two of the lines will be merged into the WSOR, with the exception of one island line, the others are in northern Wisconsin and will make up their own system. Lucht provided 2022 calendars to the Commission.

Ladewig asked about a fatality, and Lucht clarified it involved a CN engine.

Kubly asked if the lines will be incorporated into the PRTC or WRRTC. Lucht stated no, because the WSOR is acquiring the rail, and land with no public ownership. There is an RTC in northern Wisconsin the Northwoods RTC which is an advisory commission, so very much different from the RTCs in southern Wisconsin.

Ladewig asked if the Janesville Bridge project will affect the PRTC. Lucht stated the PRTC is a project partner. The Federal award will cover about 60% of the costs. The cars will now be able to be loaded fully.

10. WisDOT Report –Todd Wojciuk, WisDOT.

Wojciuk stated that WisDOT is hiring a replacement for Kim Tollers. The FRA has signed the Merrimac Bridge agreement yesterday and WisDOT will be reaching out to WSOR first thing. Work is beginning on the Janesville Bridge project.

11. Tri-County Trail Commission Report – Trails Representative.

Flannery stated the trail is now closed to ATV/UTV and is open to Snowmobiles. New signs were installed.

12. PRTC Administrator's Report – Honer, PRTC Admin.

Honer also had communication from the Mineral Point Railroad Historical Society, who are looking to install a railroad engine either near the PRTC property or on the PRTC property in Mineral Point, and expect to be on the agenda in May. Honer reminded commissioners that the Spring meeting will take place in May and will include elections.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Trail Encroachment in Calamine, WI and Certified Survey Map proposal - Honer, Admin.

Honer presented the issue. Wojciuk stated a survey is great but does not necessarily determine ownership. Wojciuk stated he contacted a company for the title search and it would cost approximately \$500 - \$1000. He recommended that the Commission consider a title search. Jeff Stauffacher stated that he would be in favor of it as well. Ladewig asked if a title search would also include an insurance policy around that.

Brownlee agreed a title search is good, and a letter of report of title is good to start with. Brownlee has worked with both companies in Lafayette County. Brownlee stated that she was disappointed that she was not included in the discussions following the October meeting. Brownlee stated that a certified survey map is a worthy document that does show ownership. Brownlee stated she believes a title search is worthwhile and can be done quickly. She asked if Jeff Stauffacher would be interested in sharing the cost. Jeff stated he would need to speak to his attorney regarding it.

- *Motion to authorize Eileen to order a letter report and provide Jeff a 30-day window to negotiate the CSM, and possible offer-to-use agreement for the 2022 planting and harvesting season with Eileen and inform Jeff Stauffacher that the Commission may own the property. – Sweeney/Gustina. Approved Unanimously.*

Ladewig requested that it be on the next agenda meeting. Todd asked if the Commission would consider a limited agreement before planting season. Flannery asked if the Commission would allow

the Stauffacher to use the land. Brownlee clarified that it would be an indemnification of the Commission.

14. Discussion and Action on Amended 2022 Budget – Honer, Admin.

- *Motion to move the Audit budget to the Legal budget. Ladewig/Gustina. Approved Unanimously.*
- *Motion to accept the Amended 2022 budget. Flannery/Ladewig. Approved Unanimously.*

15. Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 1:41 pm – Gustina/Rolfsmeyer. Passed Unanimously.*