

**Minutes of the  
East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium  
Meeting of July 13, 2011**

**East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Jerry Holub on July 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn of Fond du Lac, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**Certification Of Public Notice:** John F. Corey certified that the notice of this meeting complies with all applicable requirements of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Roll call was taken.

**Present:** Kenneth Hutler and Vern Gove, Columbia County; Edwin J. Qualmann, Dodge County; Joseph Koch and Robert Fox, Fond du Lac County; Eugene Henke and Alma Hedberg, Green Lake County; Rose Hass Leider and Robert Walerstein, Ozaukee County; Jerald Holub and Richard Bemis, Sheboygan County; Rick Gundrum, Washington County; and Jef Hall, Winnebago County.

**Excused:** Russell Kottke, Dodge County; Mark Borkowski and Theodore Lipscomb, Milwaukee County; Daniel Goetz, Washington County; and Stan Kline, Winnebago County.

**Others Present:** John Muentner, Karen Madigan, and John Zorn, Fond du Lac County; Ken Hypki, Ozaukee County; Joseph Klein, Ozaukee County; David Wheeler, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Jim Taller, Plymouth, Wisconsin; Don Pohlman, Mayor for the City of Plymouth; Jon Edgren, Washington County Highway Commissioner; Charles Beck, Citizen; Bill Gardner, WSOR; Frank Huntington, Roger Larson, and Sheri Walz, WisDOT Bureau of Railroads and Harbors; Dan Amato, Citizen; John F. Corey, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2011:** Motion by Leider/Walerstein to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Financial Report:** Ed Qualmann reported the following: The balance in the checkbook as of March 31, 2011 was \$5,690.00. Deposits were \$85,995.43. Expenditures were \$10,995.43. Transfers were \$79,690.00. As of June 30, 2011 the balance in the checkbook was \$1,000.00. Total EWCRC Money on Deposit in the Investment Account as of June 30, 2011 is \$703,087.91. Motion by Hutler/Koch to approve the financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, Discuss and Take Action to request WSOR to submit Financial Information to the EWCRC, pursuant to Article 10.0 – Reports and Accounts of Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation By and Between EWCRC and WSOR, Agreement No. 0490-40-50(F-1), dated March 28, 2008:** There was consideration of and discussion about requesting WSOR to submit financial information to the EWCRC pursuant to Article 10.0 – Reports and Accounts of Operating Agreement for Rail Service continuation By and between EWCRC and WSOR, Agreement No. 0490-40-50(F-1), dated March 28, 2008. There was consideration of and discussion about whether or not the members of the Board of Directors of the EWCRC are lawfully authorized to review and discuss WSOR's financial information in closed session at a meeting of the EWCRC, and whether or not the members of the Board of Directors of the EWCRC are lawfully authorized to review and discuss WSOR's financial information at the same time and place that WisDOT reviews

WSOR's financial information. By consensus the Board of Directors of the EWCRC directed John Corey to research these two issues and to report the results of his research to the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the EWCRC scheduled for September 14, 2011.

There was consideration of and discussion about the level of funding for the Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP) in the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget. Frank Huntington stated that he will report on the level of funding for the FRPP in the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget at the next meeting of the EWCRC scheduled for September 14, 2011.

**Consider, Discuss and Take Action on the Level of Funding by Member Counties for 2012.**

There was consideration of and discussion about the level of funding by member counties for 2012. Motion by Koch/Bemis to recommend to member counties that each member county fund at the \$25,000 level for 2012. Motion carried by a vote of 11 ayes and 2 noes.

**Consider, Discuss and Take Action on Rehabilitation Projects for 2011 to be funded in Part by the EWCRC.** There was consideration of and discussion about rehabilitation projects for 2011 to be funded in part by the EWCRC. Bill Gardner reported the following: WSOR is in the process of completing a rehabilitation project from Stoughton, Wisconsin, to Madison, Wisconsin, and it is likely that WSOR will complete this rehabilitation project, including the removal of jointed rail and the installation of welded rail, during the Fall of 2011. WSOR is currently realigning a part of a rail line in Waukesha, Wisconsin. WSOR removed and reinstalled all crossings in that area, and straightened the rail line. WSOR will remove jointed rail and install welded rail on that part of that rail line in 2011. WSOR will remove jointed rail and install welded rail on a portion of a rail line from Waukesha westward. WSOR will remove jointed rail and install welded rail on the Milwaukee Subdivision in 2011, from Slinger, Wisconsin, through Ackerville, Wisconsin, to or near Rugby Junction. It is WSOR's plan for 2011 to continue to remove jointed rail and install welded rail beginning at or near Rugby Junction to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A derailment occurred on a bridge on the Prairie Subdivision which runs from Madison, Wisconsin, to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. WSOR is working with WisDOT to develop a program to install welded rail in 2011 on the bridges on the Prairie Subdivision after WSOR has completed the installation of welded rail on the Milwaukee Subdivision. WSOR will install a spur track to get around Reed Street to South Street in Plymouth, Wisconsin. John Corey stated that it will be necessary for the EWCRC to take action to specify a rehabilitation project or projects to which the EWCRC will apply the member county contributions that were received in 2011.

**Update on the Plymouth to Sheboygan Falls Rail Line Rebuild Project.** Jerry Holub reported that on July 13, 2011, he made a presentation to the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, regarding the funding of the local match for the Plymouth to Sheboygan Falls rail line rebuild project. Don Pohlman, Mayor of the City of Plymouth, reported that at the July 13, 2011, meeting of the Common Council, the matter of the funding of the rebuild project local match was moved to a committee of the whole for further discussion, and that in two weeks the Common Council will vote on funding the local match for the Plymouth to Kohler rail line rebuild project.

**Update and Possible Action Regarding Acquisition of the Gibson Line.** There was consideration of and discussion about approving the Operating Agreement For Rail Service Continuation By and Between East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co., Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (F-1), the Grant Agreement For Rail Service Continuation By and Between East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (B-1), and Land Use Agreement By and Between East

Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (A-1), to include the Gibson Line as part of trackage or improved property. Frank Huntington stated that WisDOT is waiting for the Surface Transportation Board to take action on similar pending agreements that WisDOT has submitted for approval. After the Surface Transportation Board has taken action on WisDOT's similar pending agreements, then WisDOT and the EWCRC can make the necessary changes, if any, to the Operating Agreement For Rail Service Continuation By and Between East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co., Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (F-1), the Grant Agreement For Rail Service Continuation By and Between East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (B-1), and Land Use Agreement By and Between East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Agreement No. 0490-40-51 (A-1), to include the Gibson Line as part of trackage or improved property in order to gain Surface Transportation Board approval.

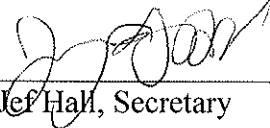
**Consider, Discuss and Take Action on Report of WSOR.** Bill Gardner reported the following: WSOR is currently in the processes of purchasing additional locomotives. United Cooperative is expanding in Ripon, Wisconsin, by building a new grain storage bin. United Cooperative will soon expand in Horicon, Wisconsin, by building a new grain storage bin. WSOR is very busy and is moving a lot of freight. WSOR has been operating two trains to Chicago and return each day, because there is so much freight to move.

**Date, time, and place of next meeting (September 14, 2011):** The next regular EWCRC meeting will be held on September 14, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Winnebago County will host the meeting.

Motion by Bemis/Leider to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeff Hall, Secretary

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