

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES
RAILROAD CONSORTIUM
June 27, 2007**

The meeting of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium was called to order by Chairman Rose Hass Leider on June 27, 2007, at 8:15 o'clock a.m., at the Parking Lot of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company Horicon Terminal, located at 313 Clinton Street, Horicon, Wisconsin.

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Kenneth Hutler and Donald DeYoung, Columbia County; Edwin J. Qualmann, Dodge County; Joseph Koch, Fond du Lac County; Rose Hass Leider and Robert Walerstein, Ozaukee County; H. Duffy Reimer, Sheboygan County; Lawrence Hoffman and Daniel Goetz, Washington County; and Jef Hall, Winnebago County.

Came to Meeting after Roll Call: Russell Kottke, Dodge County; and Stan Kline, Winnebago County.

Excused: Dick Flood, Fond du Lac County; Dennis Galatowitsch and Orville Biesenthal, Green Lake County; Jerald Holub, Sheboygan County.

Others Present: Peter Bradley, WisDOT; Jerry Thompson, Railroad Services Coordinator for the City of Plymouth; Wisconsin State Representative Don Pridemore; Bill Gardner, Ken Lucht, Ben Meighan, Dennis Prescott; Jim Sukopp; Steve Beske; Jerry Lapidakas, WSOR; Frank Huntington, WisDOT Rails; John F. Corey, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

Those present boarded a bus and traveled to Slinger, Wisconsin; at Slinger, those present got off the bus, boarded a specialized inspection rail car and traveled to Horicon; while traveling from Slinger to Horicon, those present visually inspected the railroad corridor.

Tour Horicon Terminal Facilities: Members toured the facilities at the Horicon Terminal.

Recess for Lunch at 12:00 p.m. at Ginger's Hide Away Restaurant, located at 302 E. Lake Street, Horicon, Wisconsin.

Reconvene at 12:45 p.m. at Ginger's Hide Away Restaurant, located at 302 E. Lake Street, Horicon, Wisconsin.

Ken Lucht stated that on August 10, 2007, WSOR will be holding its 9th Annual State of the Railroad Address. The State of the Railroad Address will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, located at 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. There will be a lunch provided for a cost at 12:00 p.m., and the program will start at 1:00 p.m. Ken Lucht further stated that

WSOR will be sending out a formal invitation to each of the consortium members.

Rose Hass Leider reported that on June 14, 2007, John Corey, Ken Lucht, Rose Hass Leider, Bill Gardner and Milwaukee County Supervisor Borkowski met with the Milwaukee County Audit and Finance Committee. Rose Hass Leider stated that a Resolution providing for the joinder of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, to the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium, sponsored by Milwaukee County Supervisor Rice and Milwaukee County Supervisor Borkowski was presented to the members of the Milwaukee County Finance Committee. Rose Hass Leider handed out a photocopy of the resolution and the minutes of the June 14, 2007, meeting. The members of the Milwaukee County Audit and Finance Committee asked that further information be provided to them before they would consider the resolution.

There was discussion as to whether or not the Consortium should convene in closed session with regard to considering the Operating Agreements for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company and considering the Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

At 1:04 p.m., there was a motion by Reimer/Walerstein, to convene in closed session. Before voting on the Motion, Chairman Hass Leider announced to all present that the purpose of the closed session meeting is to conduct specified public business, which, because of competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session, namely, considering an Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company and considering an Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

There was more discussion as to whether or not the Consortium should convene in closed session.

A roll call vote was taken on the Motion to convene in closed session. There were 8 members who voted yes to convene in closed session and 4 members who voted not to convene in closed session, as follows: Yes – Russell Kottke, Joe Koch, Larry Hoffman, Don DeYoung, Edwin Qualmann, Ken Hutler, H. Duffy Reimer, Robert Walerstein; No – Stan Kline, Rose Hass Leider, Dan Goetz, Jef Hall,

Roll call was taken.

Present: Kenneth Hutler and Donald DeYoung, Columbia County; Russell Kottke and Edwin J. Qualmann, Dodge County; Joseph Koch, Fond du Lac County; Rose Hass Leider and Robert Walerstein, Ozaukee County; H. Duffy Reimer, Sheboygan County; Lawrence Hoffman and Daniel Goetz, Washington County; and Stan Kline and Jef Hall, Winnebago County.

Others Present: Bill Gardner, Ken Lucht, and Steve Beske, WSOR; Peter Bradley, WisDOT; Frank Huntington, WisDOT Rails; John F. Corey, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

Notice was made that everyone present was either a representative of WSOR, WisDOT, or the EWCRC.

There was consideration, deliberation, and discussion concerning the Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company and the Operating Agreement for Rail Service Continuation by and between the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Motion by Kline/Koch, to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present, at 2:15 p.m.

Rose Hass Leider thanked Bill Gardner for hosting the railroad inspection tour.

Bill Gardner stated that WSOR would like to set up another railroad inspection tour from Plymouth to Saukville in September of 2007. The date and time of this railroad inspection tour will be determined at the July 11, 2007, EWCRC meeting.

Motion by Walerstein/Kline to adjourn. Carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Goetz, Secretary