

**DAKOTA COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

Meeting Minutes

**September 18, 2018
Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, MN**

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Chris Gerlach

Absent: Commissioner Liz Workman

Also in attendance: Matt Smith, County Manager; Jay Stassen, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gerlach at 10:27 a.m.

Approval Of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

3.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On June 19, 2018

18-006

Authorization To Execute A Joint Powers Agreement With Minnesota Valley Transit Authority For Cost Share On Apple Valley Transit Station Expansion

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) promotes alternative ways to meet existing and future transportation needs of citizens through investment in regional transitways; and

WHEREAS, the Apple Valley Transit Station, a transit station served by the METRO Red Line and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) local and express services, opened in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Apple Valley Transit Station has reached its maximum parking capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Authority completed and adopted an update of the Cedar Avenue Transitway Implementation Plan in 2015 that prioritized expansion of parking capacity at the Apple Valley Transit Station as a transitway improvement to implement in the near term; and

WHEREAS, MVTA was awarded federal funding in 2016 to construct additional parking capacity at the Apple

Valley Transit Station; and

WHEREAS, MVTA has requested the Authority's participation in 55 percent of design, engineering, and administration costs to allow it to begin design work in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 55 percent Authority share is consistent with currently adopted County Transportation Policy F.10 for transitway infrastructure improvements which will be reviewed as part of the 2040 Transportation Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Authority Capital Improvement Program budget has \$706,742 to contribute towards project development and design work to be led by MVTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes the Chair to execute a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for reimbursement of up to 55 percent of actual costs incurred, not to exceed \$706,742, for design, engineering and administration costs for the Apple Valley Transit Station expansion, subject to approval from the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Regular Agenda

18-007

Certification Of 2019 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Maximum Proposed Property Tax Levy

Transportation Director and County Engineer Mark Krebsbach briefed this item and responded to questions.

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) must certify a proposed maximum property tax levy for 2018 by September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will maintain continued involvement and participation in eligible transit initiatives including further development of the METRO Red Line Cedar Avenue Transitway, the METRO Orange Line and Orange Line Extension, and Robert Street Transitway in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority considers capital projects planned during the next five years through the Authority's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2019 – 2023 Authority CIP budget identifies proposed projects on the Cedar Avenue Transitway/METRO Red Line, the METRO Orange Line, METRO Orange Line Extension, and the Robert Street Transitways; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2019 Authority capital and operating budgets based on the Transit Office work plan do not require a levy; and

WHEREAS, Authority capital project and operating costs will be funded by Dakota County Transportation Sales and Use Tax revenues for eligible project related expenses, and Authority Fund Balance for expenses not eligible for Sales and Use Tax revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby certifies a proposed maximum property tax levy of \$0 for taxes payable in 2019.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Liz Workman

Other Business

No other business.

Transit Office Update

No transit office update.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Joe Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer