

PECATONICA RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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MEMBER COUNTIES: GREEN • IOWA • LAFAYETTE • ROCK

PRTC/WRRTC FORMAL FUNDING AGREEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE May 20th, 2016

Green Co. Courthouse 2nd Floor Courtroom, 1016 16th Ave • Monroe, WI

1. Call to Order – *Harvey W. Kubly, Chair*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kubly at 2:56 PM

2. Establishment of Committee Members Present – *Mary Penn, PRTC Administrator*

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Harvey W. Kubly</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>Ron Wolter</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>Philip Mrozinski</i>	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>Charles Anderson</i>	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>Alan Sweeney</i>	<i>Rock</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>Wayne Gustina</i>	<i>Rock</i>	<i>excused</i>

Also attending: Ken Lucht, WSOR, Mary Penn, PRTC Administrator

3. Action Item. Certification of Meeting's Public Notice – *Noticed by Penn*

- *Motion to approve certification of notice – Sweeney/Anderson, Passed Unanimously*

4. Action Item. Approval of Agenda – *Prepared by Penn*

- *Motion to approve the agenda – Mrozinski/Anderson, Passed Unanimously*

Phil Mrozinski said he would like to ask that the next committee meeting address Lafayette County again.

5. Action Item. Approval of draft Minutes from January 2016 meeting – *Prepared by Penn*

- *Motion to approve draft January 2016 minutes – Sweeney/Mrozinski, Passed Unanimously*

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6. Continued discussion of possibility of Green County joining WRRTC

Penn distributed two documents: a Contract for Joinder for the Green County Board and a Resolution for the WRRTC, saying these documents were the same as were used when Jefferson County joined the WRRTC.

Kubly said he had been told by the Green County clerk that because Green County had only three rail commissioners, (Harvey Kubly, Ron Wolter, and Oscar Olson) they would not constitute a committee and therefore a resolution would have to come from the WRRTC. Alan Sweeney asked if that meant a resolution would have to come from WRRTC asking Green County to join. Sweeney also asked about the process of Jefferson County joining the WRRTC. Penn there might be a letter in her files that WRRTC could have sent to Jefferson County back in 2014 or earlier. Penn said she would look for such an invitation a letter to provide a template from the WRRTC to Green County.

Sweeney said an issue with Green joining the WRRTC could be the funding of projects because there seemed to be a perception that the Green contribution went only to the PRTC for its capital improvements. When the PRTC reached a certain point of "maintenance

only”, the capital such as Ken Lucht requested could be used for when the freight flowed from the PRTC to the WRRTC system. He said he was in favor of this and would recommend that a document of easement or a Memo of Understanding (MOU) be created for the monies that came from the counties go to whatever commission they wanted. He said the question was where the WRRTC would be in regard to capital improvement funding.

Kubly said he could not see asking the Green County Board to do anything until there was at least something passed like the Assessment Sharing Agreement. He said he believed that had to come first since that would be everyone’s first question. Sweeney said the Lafayette County question could be addressed as well, with language that counties should contribute to the commission of their choice. He said they did not deal with the SCWRTC on any issues, as that commission only had trail: there was no reason to have them in the agreement.

Kubly said he did not have anything to add and this was “where we were at”. The sharing agreement had to be agreed on and passed before they could do anything he said. Sweeney said he could talk to Bill Ladewig and maybe Rock County corporation counsel on the sharing agreement or an MOU. He recommended to Penn that the Assessment Sharing Agreement be on the next WRRTC agenda as an action item, adding that there still was time and it should not be an issue.

Charles Anderson asked when down the road a few years, if a project came up say in Rock County, where would the 10% contributed by the Commission come from. Ken Lucht said the cost sharing arrangement was not based on 10% anymore, having changed about 10 years ago. He said no commission, to be sustainable, could afford 10% but that language had been kept as they all worked collaboratively. Anderson said the WRRTC just paid \$253,000.00 for two years so they had spent all their money. Lucht said no, as the TIGER grant had not been awarded yet. Anderson then noted the upcoming Spring Green Bridge and the Fox Lake Bridge. Lucht said that was in the 2015 allocation for the bridges in Illinois. There was discussion about the ownership of the Fox Lake sub in Illinois. Anderson said we would pay what money there was to pay and then asked what the advantage was of Green joining the WRRTC. Kubly said WRRTC was the dominant commission because they were the mainline and their decisions affected Green County. Joining would give Green County a voice at the table. Anderson said his concern was the money. Kubly said maybe at some point there might be active rail in that little bit of corridor in the far northeast of Green County, saying it was that part of the corridor that could get them into the WRRTC. Sweeney said ultimately it was up to the Green County Board. Kubly said he did not think they would be concerned about the advantage: they would be more concerned about paying more than once. Anderson said hopefully no one would do that, but it was a legitimate concern.

7. Action Item - Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 3:16 PM– Anderson/Wolter, Passed Unanimously*