

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission
Commission Meeting – Friday January 9, 2026, at 10:00 am APPROVED

1. 10:00 AM **Call to Order** – Marty Krueger, Chair 10:00

2. Roll Call **Establishment of Quorum**

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| Crawford | Carl Orr, <i>1st Vice-Chair</i> | X | Jefferson | Mary Roberts | X |
| | Mark Gilberts | X | | John Kannard, <i>Vice-Secretary</i> | X |
| | Tom Cornford | X | | Jeff Smith | X |
| | | Dan Herbst, <i>Alternate</i> | | <i>Alternate</i> | |
| Dane | Kevin Potter | X | Rock | Dave Homan, <i>2nd Vice-Treasurer</i> | X |
| | Jeff Huttenburg, <i>Treasurer</i> | X | | Tom Brien | X |
| | Jim Bolitho | X | | Kevin Stone | X |
| Grant | David Wiederholt | X | Sauk | Brian Peper | X |
| | Mike Lieurance | X | | Gaile Burchill | X |
| | Robert Scallon, <i>2nd Vice-Chair</i> | <i>Absent</i> | | Marty Krueger, <i>Chair</i> | X |
| | | Tim McCumber, <i>Alternate</i> | | X | |
| Green | Harvey Kubly, <i>1st Vice-Treasurer</i> | X | Walworth | Al Stanek | <i>Absent</i> |
| | Larry Kranig | <i>Absent</i> | | Richard Kuhnke, <i>2nd Vice- Secretary</i> | X |
| | Mark Gundlach | X | | Allan Polyock | X |
| Iowa | Charles Anderson, <i>Secretary</i> | X | Waukesha | Rick Beutler, <i>3rd Vice-Treasurer</i> | X |
| | Kate Reimann | X | | Karl Nilson | <i>Excused</i> |
| | Craig Hardy | <i>Alternate</i> | | Wayne Euclide | X |
| | Michael Gates | X | | | |

The commission met quorum.

Others present for all or some of the meeting:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Stern, WisDOT • Ken Lucht, WSOR • Don Vruwink, OCR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy Maggied, WRRTC Administrator Tom Pinion, City of Baraboo |
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3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice**

Motion to approve meeting’s public notice – Kuhnke/Reimann. Passed unanimously

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

Motion to approve the agenda – Burchill/Kannard. Passed unanimously

5. Action Item. **Approval of draft November 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented – Lieurance/Eucilde. Passed unanimously

6. Updates. **Public Comment** – Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair.

None.

7. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners**

Stanek reported that the RTC expense as a portion of overall county expense is .02%. Reimann reported on a meeting with the Iowa County public works meeting.

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

8. **Update and discussion on litigation regarding City of Baraboo installation of sewer line on bridge B-368 in Baraboo, WI**

8a. Motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) as noted above allowing WSOR attorneys and representatives to stay. Cornford/Kannard. Motion carried upon roll call vote.

8b. Meeting adjourned to closed session at approximately 10:06 am.

8c. Meeting reconvened into open session at approximately 10:13 am.

8d. No action to be taken.

9. **WRRTC Financial Report**

The monthly financial statements for October and November 2025 were presented, including accounts payable and receivable. October LGIP interest is 4.22% and 4.02% in November. There were two bills

for payment this month: \$3,243 to Boardman and Clark for legal services and \$8,750 to SWWRPC for Q4 administration.

Motion to approve the October and November 2025 Treasurer's Report and payment of invoices as presented. Gates/Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's Report on Operations

WisDOT made awards to WSOR in December for rail rehabilitation, two of which were on bridges on the Reedsburg subdivision and five on the Prairie subdivision. New concrete and steel bridges replace old timber bridges and are estimated to last another 100 years. Another grant was awarded for continuous welded rail from Wauzeeka to Boscobel. WisDOT grants will be matched by WSOR contributions. A report on production and maintenance will be provided at the February meeting, as well as a forecast of 2026 investments. Property management continues to be an issue across the network. Issues include expansions into the corridor, public uses in the corridor, and unpermitted uses encroaching into the corridor. WSOR is working with DOT to address these issues. UWEX economic impact study is nearing completion; customer surveys are complete and the report is being drafted and is anticipated to complete in February.

11. WisDOT Report

The new Freight Rail Program Manager has been hired and starts Monday. The Janesville bridges agreement is signed with UP and continues to progress and move forward.

12. Permits / Licenses

None.

13. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:37 am. Cornford/Kannard. Passed unanimously.