

# SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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**Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 2:00 PM,**  
**Green County Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom, Monroe WI**  
**Online and by Phone via ZOOM**

**1. 2:00 Call to Order – Harvey Kubly, Chair**

**2. Roll Call. Establishment of Quorum – Matthew Honer, SCWRTC Administrator**

	Commission members present for all/part of meeting:		Others present for all/part of meeting:
Dane County	Jay Allen	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew Honer - Admin.</li> <li>• Drew Hanson, Missy VanLanduyt, Sarah Rigelman – WIDNR</li> <li>• Rich Kedzior, Teri Beckman, Francis Schelfhout, Rich Kedzior – WisDOT.</li> </ul>
	Roger Hillebrand, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X	
Green County	Harvey Kubly, <i>Chair</i>	X	
	Oscar Olson, <i>Secretary</i>	X	
	John Buol	X	

**A quorum was established.**

**3. Action Item. Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice – Prepared by Honer**

- *Motion to approve certification of meeting – Olson/Hillebrand. Passed Unanimously*

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

- *Motion to approve agenda. – Olson/Hillebrand. Passed Unanimously*

**5. Action Item. Approval of draft October 2021 meeting minutes – Prepared by Honer.**

- *Motion to approve October 2021 draft minutes – Hillebrand/Buol. Passed Unanimously*

**6. Updates. Announcements by Commissioners**

No announcements

**7. Updates. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**8. SCWRTC Financial Report – Treasurer.**

Honer presented the financial report and two bills, \$1220 for Q4 Management and Accounting from SSWRPC, and \$860.00 for legal work from Boardman Clark.

- *Motion to approve the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Olson/Hillebrand. Passed Unanimously.*

**9. WisDOT Report – Kedzior.**

Kedzior stated the southwest path agreement is in effect with the City of Madison. The City will begin noticing all property owners adjacent to the path to start cleaning up encroachments. Following the notice, the City will begin enforcement. Hillebrand asked if WisDOT expects problems. Kedzior stated there are so many encroachments, that some push back is expected. Kedzior stated most encroachments are minor yet present liabilities for the City, that makes the issue clear for the City to address. Kedzior stated the City is being very deliberate about this process which includes newly updated legal language to fall back on.

**10. WIDNR Report** – Drew Hanson, WIDNR.

WIDNR is expecting a closure on the trail between Bosco and Belleville due to road construction in the summer of 2022. Staff removed a beaver dam near Bosco. The volunteer who plowed the paved section of the trail has retired. WIDNR is coordinating with the City of Fitchburg on the Lacy Road connection project. Snowmobile contracts are completed. A contractor spread breaker material at the Zimmerman farm crossing. A boy scout troop adopted a section of the trail in Monroe. Trail users were counted as 190,000.

Buol asked how the 190k trail count measures against previous years. Drew stated it is the lowest since 2016. Vanlanduyt stated it is difficult to know an exact count. Hillebrand has noticed fewer trail users and he believes it is due to the tunnel being closed. Vanlanduyt stated the trail program throughout the state is up 26%.

**11. SCWRTC Administrator's Report** – *Honer, SCWRTC Admin.*

Honer reported on the Illinois Farm Crossing.

**12. Presentation and Discussion on Stewart Tunnel Engineering Report and next steps** – *Drew Hanson and Missy VanLanduyt, WIDNR.*

Vanlanduyt stated there is no formal recommendation in the report and the engineering is just one tool to make a decision. WIDNR is working to put together a full alternatives analysis. The alternatives in the engineering report will be used as a basis to review additional alternatives. WIDNR will come back again in the coming months with a full alternatives analysis.

Vanlanduyt stated that the next state budget has a placeholder for \$5M to address the Tunnel.

Kubly asked a timeline. Vanlanduyt expects to have something to share in March. She is hoping to include it in the 2023 – 2025 budget cycle. She doesn't expect the tunnel to reopen until 2025 – 2027, at the earliest. Any budget item over \$1M requires review by the legislature, and anything over \$5M requires additional review. Allen was impressed with the report and asked if there would be a public hearing or information session. Vanlanduyt stated there is not a requirement but WIDNR will be reaching out to stakeholder groups. The full alternatives analysis will not include a recommendation. Recommendation from WIDNR will not happen until stakeholder groups are met with.

**13. Adoption of Amended 2022 Budget** – *Honer.*

Honer presented the amended budget. The amended budget is due to no longer requiring a an annual audit.

- *Motion to approve the interim trail use agreement between SCWRTC, WisDOT, and the City of Madison. – Allen/Olson. Passed Unanimously.*

**14. Action Item – Adjournment**

- *Motion to adjourn at 2:35pm – Allen/Olson. Passed Unanimously.*