

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 9, 2007**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

**RRA CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2007**

Commissioner Pulkrabek nominated Commissioner Peterson for Chair of the 2007 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Hegberg moved to elect Commissioner Peterson Chair of the 2007 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Hegberg for Vice Chair of the 2007 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to elect Commissioner Hegberg Vice Chair of the 2007 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**AUGUST 22, 2006 RRA MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the August 22, 2006 Regional Railroad Authority meeting minutes. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

January 9, 2007

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that the RRA discuss changing the name of the Regional Rail Authority because it is just not railroad the counties are dealing with, it's transportation issues.

Commissioner Peterson stated if she remembered correctly, the enabling legislation refers to rail, but perhaps rail and transportation could be added.

George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney, stated that the enabling act is for rail only. The funds can only be spent for rail. It would probably be best to stay as the Regional Rail Authority.

Commissioner Peterson stated they could discuss at a future meeting if the RRA might want to look at hiring a lobbyist for some of the rail activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Regional Railroad Authority, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Regional Railroad Authority adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair  
Regional Railroad Authority

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator