

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MAY 5, 2009**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Adam Gitzlaff, Transportation Planner; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Diane Elias, Associate Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Amanda Strommer; Program Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RRA MEETING MINUES FROM APRIL 21, 2009**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve the Regional Railroad Authority meeting minutes from April 21, 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. RRA-2009-002** as follows:

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Resolution for Approval of the Minnesota High Speed  
Rail Corridor Joint Powers Agreement

WHEREAS, the Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor is identified as the corridor from Union Depot in St. Paul to La Crescent traveling along the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor shares the Red Rock Corridor rail alignment from St. Paul to Hastings; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor will connect Minnesota to Chicago and the greater Midwest Regional Rail System, a 3,000 mile, nine-state high speed rail network advocated for by the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC); and

WHEREAS, investments in the Corridor provide the opportunity to simultaneously advance other rail projects; and

WHEREAS, local government involvement in corridor development and implementation is important to the success of High Speed Rail in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement has been drafted allowing the Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha, Winona, Houston, and Olmsted County Regional Railroad Authorities in partnership with Corridor cities to cooperatively advocate for and analyze the feasibility, environmental impacts, engineering, construction and operation of an integrated rail transportation system in the Corridor along with the associated land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has formed similar partnerships formalized through joint powers agreements for other transitway corridors including Rush Line, Red Rock and I-94.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Regional Rail Authority approves the Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor Joint Powers Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority hereby appoints Commissioner Peterson as the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission representative and Commissioner Kriesel as the alternate for 2009.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Regional Railroad Authority, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Regional Railroad Authority adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair  
Regional Railroad Authority

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

