

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 24, 2020**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Johnson, and Karwoski. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Kevin Corbid, County Administrator; Brent Wartner, First Attorney; Stephanie Kammerud, Board Clerk; and county staff.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RRA MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Commissioner Miron moved to approve the RRA meeting minutes from February 25, 2020. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR QUIT CLAIM PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt **Resolution No. RRA-2020-001** as follows:

**RESOLUTION QUIT CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN ADJACENT
LANDS WEST OF COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY (CSAH) 38
(MAXWELL AVENUE) IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT**

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Washington County Regional Rail Authority (WCRRA) purchased approximately 11 acres for the operation of a transit site in the City of Newport (City); and,

WHEREAS, the legal description for this purchase encompassed part of Maxwell Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the purchase the WCRRA subdivided the property by creating a plat known as Newport Station Addition excluding Maxwell Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County (County) received right of way from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as part of the turnback from the reconstruction of the U S Highway 61 and I494 (Wakota Bridge) project now known as County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 38 a/k/a Maxwell Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the City is to receive land from MnDOT west of Maxwell Avenue and is desirous to transfer or sell this property to the adjacent owner to be put back on the tax rolls; and,

WHEREAS, the City discovered in reviewing the title to their property a possible ambiguity as to the east line of their property adjacent to Maxwell Avenue being received by MnDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the City has requested the WCRRA to quit claim any interest it may have to the property to allow the City to move forward with the transfer or sale of the property to the adjacent owner; and,

WHEREAS, WCRRA deems the property west of the Maxwell Avenue is excess land not needed for any future transit purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Regional Railroad Authority quit claim to the City of Newport any interest it may have to the property west of Maxwell Avenue in the City of Newport as described on the attached Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes its Chairperson and Administrator to execute on behalf of the Regional Railroad Authority a Quit Claim Deed for the above described property and any other documents necessary to clear up the ambiguity of title.

Commissioner Miron seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Miron, Johnson, Karwoski, and Weik. Nays, none.

CONTRACT APPROVAL AND FUND BALANCE FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 36 CORRIDOR TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Contract No. 13327 with Kimley-Horn and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$317,040 to complete the scope of work for the Trunk Highway (TH) 36 Corridor Transit Feasibility Study. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve permanent use of fund balance from Fund 216 in an amount not to exceed \$317,040 for the TH 36 Corridor Transit Feasibility Study. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Regional Railroad Authority, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Karwoski, and it was adopted unanimously. The RRA meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Attest: *Kevin J Corbid*

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Lisa Weik

Lisa Weik, Chair
Washington County Regional Rail Authority