

WISCONSIN RIVER RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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DATE: 29 February 2008
TO: Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commissioners & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Joni Graves, AICP, SWWRPC Trans. Planning Program Manager / WRRTC Administrator

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

XCom Mtg – Friday, 7 March 2008 at 10 AM
Dane Co Hwy Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison, WI

If you have questions regarding the Agenda, please contact me at gravesjh@uwplatt.edu or 608.342.1057 or contact Susan Sloper at sloper@uwplatt.edu or 608.342.6065. *Thank you.*

WRRTC's 2008 Meeting Schedule:

➔	2008.03.07 WRRTC Executive Committee Mtg.	
	2008.04.04 WRRTC Executive Committee Meeting	
	2008.05.09 WRRTC <u>Executive Committee</u> Meeting	← RESCHEDULED ←
	2008.06.06 WRRTC Full Commission Meeting	← RESCHEDULED ←
	<u>2008.07.11</u> WRRTC Executive Committee Meeting	← RESCHEDULED ←
	2008.08.08 WRRTC Full Commission Meeting	
	2008.09.05 WRRTC Executive Committee Meeting	
	2008.10.10 WRRTC Executive Committee Meeting	
	2008.11.07 WRRTC Full Commission Meeting	
	2008.12.05 WRRTC Executive Committee Meeting	

NOTE: The WRRTC's meetings are **usually** held at 10:00 a.m. on the **first Friday** **after the first Tuesday** of the month at the **Dane Co. Hwy. Building** in Madison, WI.

Also Sent To: County Clerks in WRRTC's Region – Please Post
Local News Media – for your information

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

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- 10 minutes estimated
1. 10:00 A.M. **Call to Order** – *Karl Nilson, Chair*
 2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum** – *Joni Graves*
 3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice** – *Noticed by Graves*
 4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – *Prepared by Graves*
 5. Action Item. **Approval of the draft February Minutes** – *Prepared by Graves*
 6. Updates. **Public Comment** – *Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair*
 7. Updates. **Correspondence & Communications** – *Time for reports/discussion may be limited by the Chair*
 - Snowmobile crossings on railroad right-of-way and winter maintenance (see #8 below)
 - DRAFT Resolution submitted to Sauk County’s Transportation and Parks Committee seeking support for “...the Immediate Conversion [underlined for emphasis in original] of the existing right-of-way to a recreational trail under the provisions of rail banking and a rails to trails conversion ... [and] the rail banking of the existing railroad right-of-way from a point beginning at the truncated Wisconsin River bridge on the west side of the river in the Village of Sauk City, and ending at a point where active rail service is no longer utilized by current shippers immediately north of the Village of Prairie du Sac, and its conversion to a recreational trail, consistent with the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 1247.”
 - Dane County Land and Water Resources Department’s November 2007 meeting update on “...concept of proposed trail, water and rail improvements between Lake Farm County Park and McDaniel Park in the Village of McFarland” and proposal to form a stakeholder committee.

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 15 minutes estimated | Update & Possible Action
8. **Wisconsin & Southern Railroad’s Report on Operations** – *Ken Lucht*
 - Monthly Maintenance Activities
 - Capital Project Planning
 - Discussion / possible action on maintenance of snowmobile crossings
 - Comparison of the number of ties laid in 2006 and 2007 (forwarded from January/February)
 - Update on efforts to obtain alternative access route to Chicago and petition to the STB
 - Pending application to Sen. Kohl’s office for FY2009 appropriation for the Prairie Sub (due 7 March)
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).
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- 10 minutes estimated | Update & Action Items
9. **WRRTC Financial Report** – *Jim Matzinger, Dane County CPA / WRRTC Accountant*
 - Treasurer’s Report & Payment of Bills
 - WRRTC 2008 Draft Budget
 - 2008 Accounting Services Contract with Dane County
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).
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- 10 minutes estimated | Update & Possible Action Items
10. **WRRTC Administrator’s Report** – *Joni Graves, SWWRPC Transportation Planner*
 - Update on correspondence, Kattner permit (Illinois), and www.wrrtc.org update
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).
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- No time estimate
11. **WisDOT – No Report**
 - Requested update on bridge issues
 - Q&A (topics on this Agenda / recommendation for future report topics).
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- No time estimate | Update & Possible Action
12. **Ongoing discussion regarding ownership / responsibility for maintaining timber bridges in the right-of-way and specifically bridges in the Walworth County’ Towns of Linn and Darien** (*forwarded from January/February*)
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- Action Item
13. **Adjournment.**