

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

January 4, 2011

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in their Annual Organizational Board Meeting with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Absent: 0. Also present was Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney, and Phil Carruthers, Director of Civil Division, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

## AGENDA

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Agenda of the January 4, 2011 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

## MINUTES

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

Chair McDonough welcomed John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney, and Phil Carruthers, the new Director of Civil Division for the County Attorney's Office.

Mr. Kelly introduced himself, as well as Phil Carruthers, and stated that Mr. Carruthers will be representing the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.

### 1. Election of Officers for 2011

#### Election of Chair

Chair McDonough opened the nominations for the election of the Chair.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Jim McDonough as Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2011, seconded by Commissioner Parker.

Chair McDonough called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-01)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby elects Commissioner Jim McDonough to serve as Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2011.

#### Election of Vice Chair

Chair McDonough opened the nominations for the election of the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Ortega nominated Commissioner Jan Parker as Vice Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2011, seconded by Commissioner Rettman.

Chair McDonough called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-02)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby elects Commissioner Jan Parker to serve as Vice Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2011.

#### Election of Secretary

Chair McDonough opened the nominations for the election of the Secretary.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Tony Bennett as Secretary of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2011, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-03)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby elects Commissioner Tony Bennett to serve as Secretary of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2011.

Election of Treasurer

Chair McDonough opened the nominations for the election of the Treasurer.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Toni Carter as Treasurer of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2011, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-04)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby elects Commissioner Toni Carter to serve as Treasurer of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2011.

Chair McDonough thanked the Board for their support in electing him to continue serving as Chair of the Regional Railroad Authority. He said he is truly committed to the priorities of the Regional Railroad Authority with the Central Corridor and The Union Depot projects at the forefront, as well as advancing all of the corridor projects, and to continue working with the other metropolitan counties to advance transit options within the metropolitan area.

Commissioner Parker commented that it is also beneficial for Ramsey County that Susan Haigh, president and CEO of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and a previous Ramsey County Commissioner, was appointed the new Chair of the Metropolitan Council.

2. Appointments to Standing Committees

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-05)

WHEREAS, The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners organized a regional railroad authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 398A by Resolution 87-230 in April, 1987; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Rush Line Task Force for 2011:

Victoria Reinhardt, Chair  
Jan Parker, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Red Rock Corridor for 2011:

Janice Rettman  
Jim McDonough, Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Robert Street Corridor for 2011:

Rafael Ortega  
Tony Bennett, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northeast Diagonal Policy Advisory Committee for 2011:

Jan Parker  
Victoria Reinhardt, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint as the Union Depot (formerly LOCATE) representatives for 2011:

Tony Bennett  
Rafael Ortega

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission for 2011:

Janice Rettman  
Jim McDonough, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northstar Corridor for 2011:

Victoria Reinhardt  
Janice Rettman, Alternate

And be it Finally

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Gateway Corridor for 2011:

Rafael Ortega  
Tony Bennett, Alternate

Chair McDonough thanked Tim Mayasich, Director of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, for his leadership and work as Director, and also thanked his staff.

CORRIDOR UPDATES  
No updates were reported.

ADJOURNMENT  
There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.