

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

January 3, 2012

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Absent: – 0. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager and John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the January 3, 2012 Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

1. Election of Officers for 2012

Election of Chair

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

Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Jim McDonough as Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

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. (R12-01)

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 2012.

Election of Vice Chair

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

Commissioner Carter nominated Commissioner Jan Parker as Vice Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

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. (R12-02)

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 2012.

Election of Secretary

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

Commissioner Ortega nominated Commissioner Tony Bennett as Secretary of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R12-03)

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 2012.

Election of Treasurer

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

Commissioner Ortega nominated Commissioner Toni Carter as Treasurer of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R12-04)

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 2012.

2. Appointments to Outside Committees

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R12-05)

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 2012:

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 2012:

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 2012:

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 2012:

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 2012:

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 2012:

Janice Rettman
Jim McDonough, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northstar Corridor for 2012:

Victoria Reinhardt
Janice Rettman, Alternate

And be it Finally

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Gateway Corridor for 2012:

Rafael Ortega
Tony Bennett, Alternate
Victoria Reinhardt, Second Alternate

Chair McDonough thanked the board for his reelection as Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) for 2012. He said this board works well together; while they occasionally have different opinions, there is always good dialog about issues and they always move forward as a united board. There is also the uniqueness of managing and balancing the three statutory authorities between the RCRRA, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the County Board. He said he appreciates the board's confidence and he will continue to work hard to keep Ramsey County's presence in the region, ensure the investments are balanced throughout the region, and ensure that the issues important to Ramsey County are heard.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

No updates were reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.