

Meeting Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on November 8, 2005 in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:           Chair Rafael Ortega  
                                  Commissioner Tony Bennett  
                                  Commissioner Toni Carter  
                                  Commissioner Jim McDonough  
                                  Commissioner Jan Parker  
                                  Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
                                  Commissioner Janice Rettman

OTHERS PRESENT:           Kathy DeSpiegelaere, Alicia Vap, Julie Kleinschmidt, Steve Morris, Ken Haider, Angie Taylor, Marlen Johnson, Kris Longhenry, David MacMillan, David Twa, Jolly Mangine, Bonnie Jackelen, Robert Clarkson.

Chair Ortega called the RCRRRA meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

1.       Approve minutes from October 25, 2005 RCRRRA meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner McDonough, to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2005 RCRRRA meeting.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2.       Ratify Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$4,590.55 to St. Paul Port Authority for negotiation of acquisition of the Post Office buildings in St. Paul for the period of June 20, 2005 through August 31, 2005

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt, to ratify the partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$4,590.55 to St. Paul Port Authority for negotiation of acquisition of the Post Office buildings in St. Paul for the period of June 20, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

Roll call vote was taken; Commissioner Rettman voted no:

Ayes – 6, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional services of St. Paul Port Authority for the negotiation of acquisition of Post Office buildings in St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Port Authority has satisfactorily completed the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued for the period of June 20, 2005 through August 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Port Authority Invoice No. 1, Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$4,590.55 attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due St. Paul Port Authority for June 20, 2005 through August 31, 2005; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to St. Paul Port Authority in the amount of \$4,590.55 for services rendered June 20, 2005 through August 31, 2005 is hereby ratified.

## **POLICY AGENDA**

### **3. 2006/2007 Budget—Kathy DeSpiegelaere**

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that in September the Rail Authority had certified the maximum levy allowable of \$11 million, and that the budget will be adopted in December. Ms DeSpiegelaere reiterated the reasons for the certification.

Ms DeSpiegelaere noted that the proposed budget is based on a 9-year capital improvement program. The budget will leverage county dollars and will allow for the opportunity to take advantage of federal and state funding opportunities. She noted that the property tax levy will increase over the first 2 years of the 9 year program; for the remaining 7 years the levy will be stable. The budget will use a combination of borrowing and reserves and increase debt within affordable and manageable levels. Ms DeSpiegelaere also commented that the budget provides for increasing Rail Authority staffing to manage the Union Depot and Central Corridor projects, as well as office space for Rail Authority staff.

### **4. Approve Real Estate Management Plan for Regional Railroad Authority**

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve the Real Estate Management Plan for the Regional Railroad Authority.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0  
Motion Accepted

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority adopted a Management Plan for the Northeast Corridor right-of-way in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority purchased right-of-way in Roseville and for the St. Paul Union Depot, which necessitated an update to the Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, A Real Estate Management Plan has been prepared that is an update to the Management Plan, and continues to detail the decision-making process for evaluation of property management issues; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority adopts the 2005 Real Estate Management Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.