

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

January 6, 2009

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in the Council Chambers, Third Floor Court House, with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Absent: none.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM

AGENDA

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Agenda of the January 6, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes from the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted.

1. 2009 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Officer Elections/Appointments

Chair McDonough confirmed with the County Attorney that the 2009 Regional Railroad Authority Officer appointments would actually be elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following the recommendation of the County Attorney, Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Jim McDonough as Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted. (R09-01)

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 2009.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Jan Parker as Vice Chair of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted. (R09-02)

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 2009.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Tony Bennett as Secretary of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted. (R09-03)

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 2009.

Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Toni Carter as Treasurer of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted. (R09-04)

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 2009.

Commissioner Rettman pointed out that in the draft resolution she is identified as the Northstar Corridor liaison for 2009, however, at its Annual Organizational Meeting earlier that morning, the County Board appointed Commissioner Reinhardt as the representative and appointed Commissioner Rettman as the alternate liaison to the Northstar Corridor.

It was agreed that the appointment change should be reflected in the resolution.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the resolution as amended, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Commissioner Bennett asked if the resolutions would be rewritten separately as an election of officers and appointments to standing committees.

Commissioner Reinhardt clarified that her motion covered the approval of appointments to the standing Regional Railroad Authority committees as listed in the resolution, including the proposed amendment covering the Northstar Corridor.

Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. Motion accepted. (R09-05)

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, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Rush Line Task Force for 2009:

Victoria Reinhardt, Representative
Jan Parker, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Red Rock Corridor for 2009:

Jim McDonough, Representative
Janice Rettman, Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Robert Street Corridor for 2009:

Rafael Ortega, Representative
Tony Bennett, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint Rafael Ortega as the Central Corridor Partnership representative for 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northeast Diagonal Policy Advisory Committee for 2009:

Jan Parker, Representative
Victoria Reinhardt, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint Tony Bennett and Rafael Ortega as the LOCATE representatives for 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint Jim McDonough as the Midwest High Speed Rail Association representative for 2009:

And Be It Finally

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northstar Corridor for 2009:

Victoria Reinhardt, Representative
Janice Rettman, Alternate

Chair McDonough thanked the Commissioners for their support of him as Regional Railroad Authority Chair and said it was a busy year for Ramsey County and the metropolitan area. For 2009, the Full Funding Grant Agreement on the Central Corridor will be their first priority. He commended the Board for their hard work with the transit issues, transit corridors and the vision they have maintained for the Union Depot to be the connector of all the corridors. This vision is being recognized regionally as the final part to the community and he thanked the Commissioners for advocating for Ramsey County's position.

Commissioner Reinhardt also thanked the Commissioners for their commitment and collaborative work and thanked Chair McDonough for the tremendous leadership he provided to the Regional Railroad Authority. She added they will soon make an appointment to the I-94 Corridor, as they are in the process of putting it together

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.