

# EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM

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## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM

There will be a meeting of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the at the Plymouth City Fire Station, located at 111 E. Main Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin. Phone No. (920) 893-1331. (Handicapped accessible).

Sign in for the meeting of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium will start at 9:30 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Certification of public notice.
3. Roll call.
4. Public comment.
5. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2018 Meeting.
6. Approve Financial Report.
7. Consider, discuss, approve, and authorize payment of invoice of Dodge County for services provided by the Dodge County Finance Department in 2018.
8. Consider, discuss, approve, and authorize payment of invoice of Dodge County for services provided by the Dodge County Corporation Counsel Office in 2018.
9. Report of WisDOT Railroads and Harbors.
10. Consider, discuss, and take action on the track expansion project in Adell, Wisconsin.
11. Consider, discuss, and take action on WSOR's 2018 and 2019 Capital Plan for EWCRC – Phase II of Oshkosh Subdivision CWR Project.
12. Report of WSOR.
  - Maintenance activities
  - Capital projects throughout the network
  - Spring Grove Derailment
13. Time, date, and place of next meeting (May 15, 2019).
14. Adjourn.

**NOTE TO CONSORTIUM MEMBERS:** Please notify the Corporation Counsel Office several days in advance of this meeting if you are unable to attend.

**NOTICE AND AGENDA** sent to County Clerks in the EWCRC Region with a request to please post.

**Minutes of the  
East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium  
Meeting of November 14, 2018**

**East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Thomas Winker on November 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, Expo Building, 601 Martin Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**Certification of Public Notice:** Kimberly A. Nass certified that the notice of this meeting complies with all applicable requirements of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Roll call was taken.

**Present:** Russell Kottke, Dodge County; Joseph Koch and Karen Madigan, Fond du Lac County; Dennis Mulder, Green Lake County; Thomas E. Winker and Donald Dohrwardt, Ozaukee County; Richard Bemis and Jim Glavan, Sheboygan County; Jeff Schleif, Washington County; and Larry Smith, Winnebago County.

**Excused:** James E. Foley, Columbia County; Jeffery Caine, Dodge County; Vicki Bernhagen, Green Lake County; Milwaukee County, and Joel Rasmussen, Winnebago County.

**Others Present:** Ken Lucht, WSOR; Rich Kedzior, WisDOT; Don Pohlman, Mayor of the City of Plymouth; Kimberly A. Nass, Dodge County Corporation Counsel; and, Kelly L. Lepple, Recording Secretary.

**Public Comment:** Don Pohlman, Mayor of the City of Plymouth, thanked everyone on the EWCRC for its interest in the railroad and freight rail. Mayor Pohlman provided a handout that provided information about the Santa Train coming to Plymouth on November 23, 2018.

**Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2018:** Motion by Bemis/Smith to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Financial Report:** Russell Kottke reported the following: The balance in the checkbook as of May 31, 2018, was \$6,201.21. Deposits were \$256,201.21. Expenditures were \$229,674.58. Transfers were \$31,727.84. As of October 31, 2018, the balance in the checkbook was \$1,000. Total EWCRC money on deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool as of October 31, 2018, is \$632,254.68. Motion by Mulder/Smith to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, discuss, and take action on the level of funding by member counties for 2019 and authorize and direct Kim Nass to send invoices in the amount of \$25,000, to each member county of the EWCRC for its member county contribution for 2019:** There was consideration of and discussion about the level of funding by member counties for 2019 and authorization of and direction to Kim Nass to send invoices in the amount of \$25,000, in January, 2019, to each member county of the EWCRC for its member county contribution for 2019. Motion by Dohrwardt/Madigan to authorize and direct Kim Nass to send invoices in the amount of \$25,000, in January of 2019, to each member county of the EWCRC for its member county contribution for 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consider, discuss, and take action on Report of WisDOT, Railroads and Harbors:** Rich Kedzior reported the following:

WisDOT's Annual Freight Railroad Conference was held on November 13, 2018, and thanked all of those on the Consortium who attended the conference. Mr. Kedzior stated that a presentation of the Intermodal Study was given at the conference. The current WisDOT Secretary may approve the plan prior to new administration.

There are unspent funds from the Brandon to Ripon rehabilitation project, which WSOR is currently finishing up with the installation of new continuous welded rail. WisDOT will amend the current agreement to use the unspent funds to move a siding located on the Waukesha Subdivision and move it to the Oshkosh subdivision.

WSOR will receive FRPP grants totaling \$11.57 million and FRIPP loans totaling \$1.44 million for six projects. WSOR will provide \$1.44 million in matching funds. The work includes the replacement of 7.5 miles of 90-pound jointed rail with 115-pound continuous welded rail (CWR) between Ripon and Pickett; replacement of 15.2 miles of 90-pound rail with 115-pound CWR between Milton and Whitewater; replacement of two bridges in WSOR's Fox Lake Subdivision and two bridges in its Prairie Subdivision; replacement of a bridge with a culvert in the Oshkosh Subdivision; and the rehabilitation of a steel deck on a bridge in the Plymouth Subdivision.

**Consider, discuss, and take action on report of WSOR:** Ken Lucht reported the following:

WSOR recently checked its rail lines for defects by means of a rail defect detector test car. The rail defect detector test car transmits an ultrasonic sound wave through the rail and it thereby detects cavities and other internal defects in the rail.

WSOR completed its weed spraying around the entire system as part of its annual maintenance. A truck travels on the railroad tracks and sprays the weeds and brush on the sides of the track. This is important because the weeds and brush retain moisture, and the retained moisture deteriorates railroad ties.

WSOR has replaced eight crossings on the Northern Division; one on Douglas Street in Ripon, seven on the Brandon to Ripon line as part of the continuous welded rail rehabilitation project.

At the next EWCRC meeting, Ken Lucht will present WSOR's 2019 and 2020 Capital Plan and ask that the EWCRC contribute its 2018 member county contributions to help fund that local match for the Phase 2 Ripon to Pickett rehabilitation project.

WSOR will be constructing a new 5,000 foot siding between James Street and Clareville Road in Winnebago County. This is to relocate capacity from the Waukesha Subdivision to the Oshkosh Subdivision. This will allow WSOR to switch its customers more efficiently, effectively, and provide better customer service while not occupying the main track on the Oshkosh Subdivision.

In 2019, WSOR will be installing approximately 5,000 new maintenance ties between Horicon and Cambria.

WSOR had a grand opening in late May of 2018, in Oshkosh to open the Oshkosh transload terminal. Several companies have approached WSOR about utilizing the transload facility. In Spring of 2019, WSOR will present to the Consortium an infrastructure build-out plan to add turn outs to a portion of the main track so industries can build their industry tracks and connect to the main line. The City of Oshkosh received a Tea Grant from the State of Wisconsin to construct the transload terminal.

In Late August of 2018, WSOR experienced some severe weather events, including heavy rain and wind that took 26 miles of track out of service on the Southern Division. There were approximately seven washouts on the Plymouth Subdivision and WSOR worked with its customers to accommodate their needs. Sauk County received approximately 18 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, which created major washouts in Reedsburg and points between Rock Springs and Reedsburg.

WSOR's annual calendar is going to print and calendars will be available by the January 2019 EWCRC meeting. Over 196 photos were submitted for consideration to be included in the calendar.

WSOR would like to reschedule the excursion trip to tour the Plymouth and Sheboygan Fall Subdivisions to December 6, 2018. The excursion will highlight past, current and upcoming rehabilitation projects, current business activity and other opportunities. WSOR is working on scheduling a facility tour of Bemis Manufacturing in Sheboygan Falls, WI.

**Date, time, and place of next meeting (January 9, 2019):** The next regular EWCRC meeting will be held on January 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Sheboygan County will host the meeting.

**Motion by Bemis/Clavan to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph W. Koch, Secretary

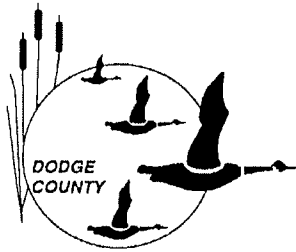
**Disclaimer: These are draft minutes. These draft minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next meeting of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium.**

**EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM  
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

**PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 13, 2019 EWCRC MEETING  
US BANK**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

<b>Date/Activity</b>	<b>Total Amount Of Income/ Expenditures/ Transfers</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Balance as of October 31, 2018.....</b>	.....	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
 <b><u>DEPOSITS:</u></b>		
<b>January 2, 2019</b> – Transfer of Money from LGIP to EWCRC Checking Account. (EWCRC 2016 Capital Invoice from WSOR – Brandon to Ripon rail replacement project)	\$225,000.00 (transfer)	
<b>January 15, 2019</b> – WSOR 2019 2nd Quarter Rent	\$ 5,201.21 (check)	
<b>February 28, 2019</b> – Total Interest paid in from US Bank since October of 2018	\$ 3.86 (automatic deposit by bank)	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS.....</b>	.....	<b>\$ 230,205.07</b>
 <b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>		
<b>January 2, 2019</b> – EWCRC 2017 Capital Invoice from WSOR – Brandon to Ripon rail replacement project (Check No. 5001)	\$225,000.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	.....	<b>\$ 225,000.00</b>
 <b><u>TRANSFERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL:</u></b>		
<b>January 15, 2019</b> – WSOR 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Rent (Check No. 5002).	\$ 5,201.21	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS.....</b>	.....	<b>\$ 5,201.21</b>
<b>February 28, 2019 – BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK</b>	.....	<b>\$ 1,003.86</b>
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<b>TOTAL EWCRC MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL</b>	<b>\$448,967.82</b>	
(as of February 28, 2019)		



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January 2, 2019

To: Corporation Counsel

From: Makenzie A. Drays  
Senior Accountant

Subject: EWCRC 2018 Financial Recordkeeping

For services related to East WI Railroad Consortium recordkeeping, accounting assistance.  
Charges are \$957.94.

After approval of this claim, please submit a check to the Dodge County Finance Department.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Makenzie A. Drays  
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# INVOICE

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TO: East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium

DATE: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Legal, Administration and Attorney Fees 16.00 hours at \$76.73 per hour (Kim)	\$1,227.68
Office and Secretarial Services 50.50 hours at \$44.42 per hour (Kelly)	\$2,243.21
Photocopies – 348 at \$0.05 per copy	\$17.40
Faxing	\$0.00
Postage	\$77.50
Meals	\$0.00
Mileage	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,565.79</b>
Please make check payable to Dodge County And transmit it to:  Dodge County Corporation Counsel Office Administration Building, Fourth Floor 127 E. Oak Street Juneau, Wisconsin 53039-1329	Past Years Invoice Amounts: 2008: \$ 6,427.95 2009: \$ 6,336.35 2010: \$ 8,870.43 2011: \$ 7,811.84 2012: \$ 6,785.99 2013: \$ 5,281.66 2014: \$ 5,466.30 2015: \$ 3,212.66 2016: \$ 3,219.81 2017: \$ 3,137.96 2018: \$ 3,565.79