

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KANABEC COUNTY RAIL AUTHORITY

State of Minnesota }
County of Kanabec }
Office of the County Coordinator

January 24, 2007

The Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority Board met at 8:45pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 in Special Session pursuant to public notice with the following Board Members present: Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis, Jerry Nelson, Kevin Troupe and Les Nielsen.

Action #RA1 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of a \$300.00 claim.

Nominations for Rail Authority Chairperson for 2007 were called for.

Action #RA2 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith to nominate Les Nielsen for Chairperson.

Nominations for Chairperson were called three times with no further nominations.

Action #RA3 - Nominations for Chairperson were closed and a vote for nominee Les Nielsen **carried** with all in favor.

Commissioner Les Nielsen was declared Rail Authority Board Chairperson for 2007.

Nominations for Rail Authority Vice-Chairperson for 2007 were called for.

Action #RA4 - It was moved by Kim Smith and seconded by Kevin Troupe to nominate Jerry Nelson for Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson three times with no further nominations.

Action #RA5 - The Chairperson closed nominations for Vice-Chairperson and called for a vote for nominee Jerry Nelson. The motion **carried** with all in favor.

The board then discussed at length a possible offer to Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the rail bed from the City of Mora to the Pine County line. Action will be deferred until January 26, 2007.

Action #RA6 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve payment of a claim of \$300 to North Country Appraisals for a property appraisal.

Action #RA7 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to recess the meeting at 9:24pm to meet again in the Kanabec County Board Room (Room 164 of the courthouse) on Friday, January 26, 2007 at 1:00pm.

The Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority Board met at 1:00pm on Wednesday, January 26, 2007 in continued session pursuant to recess with the following Board Members present: Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis, Jerry Nelson and Kevin Troupe. Also present was County Attorney Amy Brosnahan.

Action #RA8 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution RA8 – 01/24/07

WHEREAS the Rail Authority Advisory Committee has recommended purchase of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) rail bed Mora to Pine County Line for rail bed preservation and interim trail use, and

WHEREAS the rail authority has been presented with a recommended purchase offer form by BNSF for the Mora to Pine County Line rail bed, and

WHEREAS the County Attorney has recommended changes to the purchase agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED to direct the Rail Authority Board Clerk (County Coordinator) Alan B. Peterson to sign and submit and edited purchase offer to BNSF for the Mora to Pine County Line rail bed at a total cost of \$123,606.00.

Action #RA9 - Vice-Chairperson Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Signed _____

Chairperson of the Kanabec Regional Rail Authority
Kanabec County, Minnesota

Attest: _____
Alan B. Peterson, Board Clerk