



Minneapolis – Duluth/Superior
Passenger Rail Alliance

Rescheduled - Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Pine County Courthouse
Pine City, MN

MINUTES

Appointed Representatives Present:

Elissa Hansen, **City of Duluth - Chair
Mike Jugovich, *St. Louis County
Stan Gustafson, City of Cambridge
Matt Ludwig, *Pine County
Jason Serck, City of Superior, WI
(Via speakerphone)

* County Commissioner

** Council Member

Alternate Representatives Present:

None

Appointed Representatives Not Present

John Quincy, ** City of Minneapolis
Linda Higgins, *Hennepin County
Katie Draper, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Other meeting attendees attached and made part of the minutes

1. Call to order / introductions

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcomed all and introductions were made. Five (5) representatives in attendance constituted a quorum.

2. Additions to agenda

Chair Hansen requests adding a resolution to Councilor Quincy to New Business

3. Public Forum / Appearances

None.

4. Communications

A. None.

5. Consent agenda

A. Approve minutes from meeting of September 27, 2017 – Received.

B. Expenditure & Budget Analysis for September 2017 – Received.

6. Reports

A. Media – Jill Brown - (Attached and made part of the minutes).

C. State / Federal / Legislative Report –John Ongaro gave the legislative update.

D. Technical Advisory Committee Reports – Ken Buehler – (Attached and made part of the minutes).

- E. Bob Manzoline & Frank Loetterle – Project Update – Bob Manzoline informs that the TIGER Grant application has been submitted to U.S. Transportation Chair Commissioner Chao. Congressman Nolan will send a letter to U.S. Transportation Chao requesting the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) be reviewed as soon as possible and endorsing the TIGER Grant Application on the Project. A future meeting is being discussed to meet with Federal Rail Administration (FRA) whom will review the TIGER application along with representatives from AMTRAK.

A meeting will be held this afternoon with MN Department of Transportation Deputy Commissioner Tim Henkel to discuss the NLX Project. Meetings will also take with cities, counties along the line to endorse the NLX Project.

7. Unfinished business

- A. Consider Proposed 2018 Alliance Budget - Following discussion, a **motion** by Stan Gustafson **supported** Commissioner Jugovich to approve the Proposed 2018 Alliance Budget and membership contributions in the amount of \$80,000.00. Unanimous.

8. New business

- A. Resolution to Councilor Quincy - A moment was taken to acknowledge Councilor Quincy's many contributions and support during his term as Minneapolis City Councilor. NLX Board expressed its sincere appreciation and respect for his years of service. A resolution will be presented in December or January to send to Councilor Quincy of such.

9. Other business

- A. None.

10. Next meeting

December 27, 2017 – *(If deemed necessary)*
Pine County Courthouse

Adjournment

With no further business a **motion** by Stan Gustafson, **supported** by Commissioner Jugovich to adjourn @ 10:38 a.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Birdie Oddo.

Elissa Hansen
Chair of the Alliance



Minneapolis to Duluth /Superior Passenger Rail Alliance- Attendees

Rescheduled - Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Organization</u>
Steve Fecker	Alliance Attorney
Birdie Oddo	St. Louis & Lake Counties RRA
Bob Manzoline	St. Louis & Lake Counties RRA
Jill Brown	NLX Contractor
Leonard Bonander	City of Sandstone
Francis Loetterle	Passenger Rail Office / MN DOT
Don Pflaum	City of Minneapolis – Public Works
Ken Buehler	LSRM / N SSR
John Ongaro	St. Louis County
Kathy George	City of Sandstone
Ailene Croup	news.hinckleymn.com
Sam Griffith	City of Sandstone
Theresa Dawson	Indiana
Tim Franklin	Franklin Newspapers Inc.
Phillip Kester	Sandstone City Council