



Regional Railroad Authority Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

January 7, 2025 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of January 7, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2024-423](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of January 7, 2025.
2. **Minutes from December 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval** [2024-424](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the December 17, 2024 Minutes.

POLICY ITEMS

3. **Election of Chair for 2025** [2024-419](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Elect the chair for the year 2025.
4. **Election of Vice-Chair for 2025** [2024-420](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Elect the vice-chair for the year 2025.
5. **Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2025** [2024-422](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Elect the secretary/treasurer for the year for 2025.
6. **Appointments to Outside Committees for 2025** [2024-421](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Approve appointments to various outside committees for the year 2025.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT



Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2024-423

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of January 7, 2025 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of January 7, 2025.



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Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2024-424

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from December 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the December 17, 2024 Minutes.

Attachments

1. December 17, 2024 Minutes



Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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December 17, 2024 - 10:45 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 12:22 p.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present was Ling Becker, County Manager.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

1. Agenda of December 17, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-689](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of December 17, 2024.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from November 26, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-690](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 26, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Reallocation of Riverview Corridor Funds [2024-681](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Direct Public Works staff to develop a refined transportation improvement plan utilizing Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Property Tax Levy and Ramsey County Local Option Sales Tax funds previously identified for the Riverview Corridor.
2. Direct Public Works staff to develop a detailed transit and transportation investment plan based upon the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funds consistent with the investment categories presented at the November 19, 2024, board workshop for Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority discussion and approval in the Spring of 2025.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [R2024-022](#)

4. Transfer of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Funds for Union Depot Facility Improvements [2024-683](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$3,000,000 from Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority fund balance to the 2025 Union Depot operating budget for operational and capital maintenance costs for near-term improvements.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for Union Depot Facility Improvements of up to \$6,000,000, utilizing up to \$3,000,000 of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority fund balance and up to \$3,000,000 of Transit and Transportation Improvement fund balance in the Union Depot operating budget.
3. Authorize the County Manager to account for the operational and capital maintenance costs in the Union Depot operating budget.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: R2024-023

POLICY ITEM

5. Approval of the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Supplemental Budget and the 2025 Tax Levy

[2024-655](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve and adopt the 2025 budget of \$21,147,595 with all the changes noted in the attached budget addenda.
2. Approve and adopt the 2025 tax levy of \$36,219,703, a 6.01% increase over the 2024 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: R2024-024

CORRIDOR UPDATES

Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-419

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Chair for 2025

Recommendation

Elect the chair for the year 2025.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the chair.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Officers each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This action has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

None.

Last Previous Action

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Ortega as chair for the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-001).

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-420

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Vice-Chair for 2025

Recommendation

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2025.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the vice-chair.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Offices each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This item has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

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Fiscal Impact

None.

Last Previous Action

On July 23, 2024, due to the resignation of Commissioner Martinson, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner McGuire as vice-chair for the remainder of the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-012).

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Martinson as the vice-chair for the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-002).

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-422

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2025

Recommendation

Elect the secretary/treasurer for the year for 2025.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the secretary/treasurer.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Officers each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This action has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

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Fiscal Impact

None.

Last Previous Action

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Reinhardt as secretary/treasurer for the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-003).

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-421

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Appointments to Outside Committees for 2025

Recommendation

Approve appointments to various outside committees for the year 2025.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time established to approve appointments of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners to outside committees. The appointments to outside committees for 2025 are as follows:

GOLD LINE JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Ortega
- Miller, alternate

GREAT RIVER RAIL COMMISSION

- Ortega
- Xiong, alternate

RED ROCK CORRIDOR

- Xiong
- Ortega, alternate

ROBERT STREET CORRIDOR

- Ortega
- Xiong, alternate

PURPLE LINE TASK FORCE

- Xiong
- Miller, alternate

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Appointments to outside committees is an annual administrative organizational action. These committees represent formal entities and partnerships that respond to modes of transportation. Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through the work of these committees.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency about committees in which the Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners participate. The appointments will provide opportunities for the Ramsey County Commissioners to build relationships, consults and collaborate with community in supporting and responding to issues important to the community through the works of these committees.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

None.

Last Previous Action

On July 23, 2024, due to the resignation of Commissioner Martinson, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the appointments to various outside committees for the remainder of 2024 (Resolution R2024-013).

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved appointments to various outside committees for the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-004).

Attachments

None.