

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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**Wednesday, April 28th, 2021, 2:00 PM,
 Green County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom,
 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI
 Online and by Phone via ZOOM**

1. **2:00 Call to Order** – *Harvey Kubly, Chair*
2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum** – *Matthew Honer, SCWRTC Administrator*

	Commission members present for all/part of meeting:		Others present for all/part of meeting:
Dane County	Jay Allen	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Honer - Admin. Drew Hanson – WIDNR Susan Nast, Rich Kedzior, Lisa Stern– WisDOT. Becky Olson, Village of Belleville Jaime Kurten, MSA Engineering Andrew McFadden, Joyce Frey -City of Fitchburg
	Chris James	X	
	Roger Hillebrand, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Excused</i>	
Green County	Harvey W. Kubly, <i>Chair</i>	X	
	Oscar Olson, <i>Secretary</i>	X	
	John Buol	X	

A quorum was established.

3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting’s Public Notice** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - Motion to approve certification of meeting –Olson/Allen. Passed Unanimously*
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – *Prepared by Honer*
 - Motion to approve agenda. – Allen/James. Passed Unanimously*
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft January 2021 meeting minutes** – *Prepared by Honer.*
 - Motion to approve January 2021 draft minutes – James/Allen. Passed Unanimously*
6. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners**
 No announcements
7. Updates. **Public Comment**
 No public comment.
8. Action Item. **Election of Treasurer** – *Kubly.*
 - Motion to nominate John Buol as Treasurer – Olson/Allen. Passed Unanimously*

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

9. Discussion and Action on Conceptual Agreement for Lacy Road reconstruction and connection with Badger State Trail in Fitchburg – *City of Fitchburg and MSA Professional Services, Inc.*

Andrew McFadden from the City of Fitchburg presented the Lacy Road Reconstruction project. McFadden stated that a shared use path will be installed along Lacy Road, potentially providing a connection between the Badger State Trail and Military Ridge Trail. McFadden stated an enhanced crossing over Lacy Rd. will be needed for the Badger State Trail Crossing.

James asked why there needs to be a Z-crossing at the intersection of Badger State Trail and Lacy Rd. McFadden stated it is to help provide greater visibility for people using the crossing and it slows down bicycle riders entering the intersection. Allen asked how large the median between lanes is in the intersection. McFadden stated it would be a minimum of 6 ft.

Harvey asked if Brownlee has reviewed the presentation. Honer stated she has not. Kubly asked if WisDOT has reviewed this. Honer stated WisDOT's new real estate person will be working on this as soon as possible. Kurten stated the City of MSA are working with WisDOT on the final permitting and design. Kedzior clarified that this is a railroad corridor and not a former railroad corridor. Susan Nast asked about the alignment profile of the intersection. McFadden stated that this will be worked out with further engineering. Honer clarified that the Commission is not a party to the agreement that will permit the connection of the Lacy Road Pedestrian Path with the Badger State Trail. The Commission's responsibility here is to conceptually approve or deny the request.

- *Motion to conceptually approve the connection of the Lacy Road pedestrian path with the Badger State Trail contingent on legal review. – Allen/James. Passed Unanimously.*

10. SCWRTC Financial Report – Kubly, Chair (Acting Treasurer).

Kubly presented the treasurer's report. Kubly stated that the SCWRTC still has an account at Greenwoods State Bank and he will work with Buol to get that account closed and all of the Commission's funds over to Woodford State Bank. Kubly reported receipts were primarily transfers from the Greenwoods Account to the Woodford Account as well as \$4.56 in interest. Disbursements totaled \$2,087.50. Total amount in Checking was \$36,139.26. Total in Checking and CDs - \$136,139.27.

- *Motion to accept the treasurers report. – Allen/Buol. Passed Unanimously.*

Kubly presented the bill from SWWRPC for \$1100.00.

- *Motion to pay the bills. – Olson/Allen. Passed Unanimously.*

11. WisDOT Report – Lisa Stern, Rich Kedzior - WisDOT.

Stern reported a new real estate person has been hired. Kedzior provided an update to the discussions between WisDOT and the City of Madison regarding ongoing issues including encroachments and updating the permit. Kedzior explained there is a wide spectrum of uses taking place on the railroad right-of-way some of them are permitted uses and some of them are not. Stern stated she believes a revised draft agreement may be available for review in July and encroachment issues will be ongoing.

12. WIDNR Report – Drew Hanson, WIDNR.

Hanson stated WIDNR has been involved in the Lacy Rd intersection project, the Village of Belleville for current events, and trail counters have been installed in Fitchburg, Belleville, and Monroe. Hanson stated that there has been some maintenance on the trail over the past month and they are preparing for grading. Ditch mowing will take place in late May. The bicycle and pedestrian route have the signage for marking the route around the Stewart Tunnel and County Rd CC was selected. The signage will be delivered to Green County so they can install it, hopefully in the month of May.

13. SCWRTC Administrator's Report – Honer, SCWRTC Admin.

Honer stated that he reviewed the Southwest Savanna Draft Regional Master Plan and will be working to have the Records retention policy drafted and available for comment in July.

14. Update on Stewart Tunnel – Drew Hanson, WIDNR.

Hanson stated WIDNR monitored the tunnel over the winter for bat species approximately once a month. The Tunnel is one of the most significant big brown bat hibernation sites in the state. Those bats do not show symptoms of white nose syndrome. Biologists are currently waiting for the last freezing date to download all of the data. During the monitoring visits, spray paint was used to identify where rock fall happened. The biologist reported that there was significant sloughing of the tunnel and low-to-moderate rock fall over the summer. Hanson stated WIDNR will be reviewing all of the data and looking to come back with several recommendations for actions to move ahead.

Allen asked if the option of sky lighting the tunnel is still on the table with the findings from the bat population. Oscar asked if bicyclists are able to go around the tunnel. Hanson stated that they will be able to use County Road CC.

15. Discussion of Storm Water Improvements on Badger State Trail and Capital City Trail – Chris James.

James presented the storm water issues that are taking place at the intersection of the Badger State Trail and the Capital City Trail. James asked for the item to be on the July agenda as the County and the City of Madison are coming closer to a proposed solution. James will send around the information.

16. Action Item – Adjournment

Kubly stated he was disappointed that only he and one other Commissioner attended the meeting in person. Green County has been holding meetings in person throughout the pandemic and the room is very safe with plenty of room.

- *Motion to adjourn at 2:49 – Olson/Allen. Passed Unanimously.*