

AGENDA

Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium

Making Connections



Giving Directions

August 14, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn Express, 101 Aviation Way, Watertown

AGENDA

Committee Members

Chairman John David – City of Watertown, Vice Chairman Evelyn Johnson – City of Fort Atkinson, Secretary Al Counsell – County Supervisor, Timothy Freitag-City of Jefferson, Steve Wilke - City of Lake Mills, Mark Johnsrud-Village of Johnson Creek, Mo Hanson – City of Waterloo, Vacant-City of Whitewater, Augie Tietz-County Supervisor, James Schroeder-County Supervisor

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with Open meeting Laws
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Citizens Comments
6. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2013
7. Communications
8. Review, recommend, or deny Resolution to Jefferson County Board of Supervisors supporting East Wisconsin Counties Rail Consortium.
9. Directors Report
 - a. Activities Report
 - b. Finance Report
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Broadband Taskforce
 - b. Comprehensive Plan
11. Citizen Comments
12. Future Agenda Items
13. Upcoming Meetings/Seminars
14. Adjournment

The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda.

"Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made."

**Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2013**

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Meeting called to order at 8:33 am.

Board members present: Supervisors Augie Tietz, Jim Schroeder, Evelyn Johnson - City of Fort Atkinson, Tim Freitag – City of Jefferson Steve Wilke – City of Lake Mills, Mark Johnsrud – Village of Johnson Creek,

Others Present: Chairperson John Molinaro, Kim Erdmann, Catherine Kleiber, Jim Romlein, Steve Cline, Professor Steve Grabow, Joe Nehmer, Matt Carlson, Ben Wehmeier, Director Dennis Heling, Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte

Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

D. Heling certified compliance for the agenda dated July 10, 2013

Citizen Comments

Request for all to turn off cell phones and tablets.

Mo Hansen informed the group that Tuckers Driving Academy will be opening in the City of Waterloo in September.

Minutes

Tietz/Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

Communications

If anyone did not receive the email from Catherine Kleiber with attached articles, please let staff know and we will forward it to you.

Makerspace Entrepreneurship – New Home in Community Economic Development

Greg David gave a presentation on Makerspace Entrepreneurship and how this will help entrepreneurs in Jefferson County build a space for creative co-working, collaboration, exchange of ideas and expertise.

Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) – Matt Carlson

Discussion was led by Matt Carlson on how to build better strategies to inform the people/businesses in and around Jefferson County of all the amenities that the Glacial Heritage Area in Jefferson County has to offer.

Update on East Wisconsin Counties Rail Consortium

D. Heling and Professor Grabow updated the board on the information they had received. This topic will be on next months agenda for further discussion.

Directors Report

July Directors Report will be placed on file as submitted.

Finance Report

Tietz/Wilke moved to approve the June 30, 2013 Financial Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Broadband Taskforce

E. Johnson updated the board on their tour of Chippewa Falls. Committee is working of list of what next steps should be.

Future Agenda Items

1. Rail Initiative
2. Broadband
3. Legislative Summit

Upcoming Meetings

August 14, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 am. – Manufacturing and Economic Trends-Determining Local Advantage Throughout Jefferson County Presentation, City of Watertown

August 14, 2013, 9:00 am – JCEDC Board of Directors Meeting, City of Watertown

Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, motion by Wilke/Tietz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,
RoxAnne Witte, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 2013-46

**Urging the County Administrator and County Finance Committee to
Include Funding for Membership on the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission
in the 2014 Jefferson County Budget**

WHEREAS, the Principle Rail Line Segments formerly owned by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road) extending between Prairie du Chien, Prairie du Sac, Madison, Watertown, Waukesha, Janesville, Elkhorn, and Walworth in Wisconsin, and Fox Lake in Illinois were abandoned by said railroad years ago, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) was created by the counties of Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Walworth, and Waukesha for the purpose of providing for the continuance of rail service on the Principle Rail Line Segments formerly owned by Milwaukee Road, and with authority to acquire the use of said Principle Rail Lines by purchase, lease or otherwise to provide for the operation of freight rail service thereon by contract or otherwise, and

WHEREAS, the WRRTC was created by the adoption by each county, respectively, of a resolution which authorized the execution of a contract creating the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission and by the execution by each county, respectively, of a Contract Creating Commission Pursuant to Wisconsin Law To Provide Certain Transportation Services With Power To Acquire A Transportation System, and

WHEREAS, since 1980, the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company has provided freight rail service in the Wisconsin Counties of Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Walworth, and Waukesha, under contract with the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company has provided freight rail service in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, said service beginning in Madison, WI and ending at Dayton Avenue in Watertown, WI., extending east-west and serving all communities in between, and

WHEREAS, the Commission, WisDOT, and the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company are currently investigating the potentiality of acquiring additional rail line segments in Jefferson County, which if purchased these lines would contain several freight rail shippers solely relying on short-line and regional freight rail service for transportation of goods and products throughout the county, the state, and the country, and

WHEREAS, ever since its creation in 1980, the Commission and its member counties have experienced substantial economic benefits from the continuation of freight rail transportation and from the strong leadership from member counties as well as from local units of governments within the counties, and

WHEREAS, it is essential from the standpoint of the welfare and to the best interests of the counties, its rail customers, and the inhabitants thereof that the railroad service on said line be retained as an active public railroad corridor, and

WHEREAS, the provision of freight rail service by the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company has been of great economic benefit, not only to the counties which are members of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, but to all surrounding counties, including Jefferson County and to the State of Wisconsin as well, and

WHEREAS, by becoming a member of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, Jefferson County will be better able to facilitate the continuance of rail service within its borders and on the entire former system of the Milwaukee Road in Southern Wisconsin, and will be better able to preserve the facilities for the continuance of such service, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium (JCEDC) urges the County Administrator and County Finance Committee to include sufficient funding in the 2014 county budget for membership dues of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JCEDC Secretary is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the County Administrator and to the Chair of the County Finance Committee.

Adopted by the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium Board of Directors this 14th day of August 2013.

John David
Chairperson

Attest:

Dennis Heling Director

Fiscal Note: Membership dues for the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission are currently \$28,000 per year.

Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium
July 31, 2013

Income	July 2013*	Year to Date	2013 Budget
CDBG & Others	-	-	10,000.00
Home Buyer Counseling - 2012	-	4,350.00	0.00
Home Buyer Counseling - 2013	4,450.00	7,600.00	0.00
Jefferson County	-	83,857.00	83,857.00
Fort Atkinson	-	12,380.00	12,380.00
Jefferson	-	7,934.00	7,934.00
Johnson Creek	-	2,806.00	2,806.00
Lake Mills	-	5,742.00	5,742.00
Waterloo	-	3,331.00	3,331.00
Watertown	-	15,444.00	15,444.00
Whitewater	-	1,593.00	3,205.00
Transfers & Other Financing Sources	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 145,037.00	\$ 144,699.00
Expenses			
Wages	\$ 10,235.19	\$ 69,753.73	\$ 119,439.00
Professional Services	-	-	0.00
Furniture & Fixtures	-	-	0.00
Office Equipment	-	-	200.00
Computer Equipment	-	133.07	100.00
Office Equipment Lease	-	-	0.00
Postage	10.00	75.26	260.00
Office Supplies	50.00	227.72	300.00
Printing	55.00	55.00	30.00
Subscription	-	246.55	400.00
Membership Dues	-	425.00	425.00
Advertising	-	-	0.00
Tourism Development- Discover Wisconsin	-	-	4,500.00
Registration	-	-	400.00
Mileage	150.00	1,025.40	2,250.00
Meals	25.00	324.34	280.00
Lodging	-	-	300.00
Other Travel	-	143.00	50.00
Telephone/IP Telephone	51.55	366.96	660.00
MIS	651.08	4,557.56	6,551.00
Other Insurance	39.92	278.09	479.00
ED workshop/materials	-	-	500.00
Web Page	-	-	0.00
Repair & Maintenance	-	-	510.00
County Duplication Allocation	-	-	603.00
Transfer to Reserve	-	-	6,462.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,267.74	\$ 77,611.68	\$ 144,699.00

* Note these items are estimates only