



Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

Cottage Grove City Hall

4:30 p.m.

Commission Members	Agency	Present
Marion Greene	Hennepin County RRA	
Janice Rettman	Ramsey County RRA	X
Jim McDonough	Ramsey County RRA	
Karla Bigham	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Slavik	Dakota County RRA	X
Steve Dennis	City of Cottage Grove	X
Myron Bailey	City of Cottage Grove	
John Kummer	Denmark Township	
Mark Vaughn	City of Hastings	
Cam Gordon	City of Minneapolis	
Tracy Rahm	City of Newport	
Jane Prince	City of St. Paul	X
Sandi Dingle	City of St. Paul Park	X

Ex-Officio Members	Agency	
Ron Allen	Goodhue County	
Jess Greenwood	Goodhue County	
Judy Mitchell	Canadian Pacific Railway	
Marc Mogan	Prairie Island Indian Community	

Staff	Agency	Present
Jan Lucke	Washington County RRA	
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County RRA	
Hally Turner	Washington County RRA	X
Emily Jorgensen	Washington County RRA	X
Kevin Roggenbuck	Ramsey County RRA	X
Matt Parent	Dakota County RRA	X
Joe Scala	Hennepin County	X

Agenda Item #1: Introduction

Quorum was not met. Agenda was not approved. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item #3: Joint Powers Agreement

Hally Turner, Washington County staff, summarized the previous Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) discussion from the August 24 Commission meeting. Lindsey Wollschlager (with Richardson, Richter & Associates) provided an overview of governance options for the Red Rock Corridor. Three options were discussed at the last commission meeting. The commission could choose to amend the current JPA, or the withdrawal of select members or consider alternative forms of cooperation. The commission decided to not pursue alternative forms of cooperation at the August 24 meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Prince arrived at 4:45 pm. Chair Bigham called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Motion made by Mayor Dingle to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dennis. All were in favor, **Approved**. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #3: Joint Powers Agreement (continued)

Ms. Turner reviewed option one, the draft amended JPA, noting the changes that were made to update the agreement. Membership was updated to remove Hennepin County, Dakota County, City of Minneapolis, Denmark Township, and the University of Minnesota. References to commuter rail were removed and updated to reflect bus rapid transit as the preferred alternative for the Red Rock Corridor. The commission has an opportunity to include language to outline ex officio membership. Commission members did not feel language outlining ex officio membership was needed in the JPA. Ms. Turner noted that if the commission pursued option one, to amend the JPA, all members must approve the amendment.

Ms. Turner reviewed option two, the withdrawal of select members. This would require members interested into withdrawing to approve a resolution of withdrawal and provide their 90-day notice to the chair of the commission. If a financial member would withdraw, the funding allocation would automatically rebalance to remaining financial members. Commissioner Rettman noted

that financial members combined should have more votes than non-financial members. This option would require only those members withdrawing from the commission to act and additional changes to the content of the JPA would not be allowed.

Commissioner Rettman commented that members interested in withdrawing could do so as soon as possible. Then remaining members would then finalize an amended JPA at a later date. Commissioner Bigham agreed with this suggestion.

The funding split for the annual operations of the Red Rock Corridor Commission will change after the withdrawal of Dakota and Hennepin Counties. Ms. Turner reviewed the funding split options.

Ms. Turner summarized that the further edits to the draft JPA would be to update vote totals to give financial members more votes than non-financial members, remove any information regarding ex officio members, remove language about an executive committee, and determine final funding splits for the remaining financial members. Staff would also coordinate with members interested in withdrawing from the commission to pass a resolution of withdraw and provide 90-notice to the chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.