



**ITASCA COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 327-2847



Tuesday, October 10, 2023

2:00 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

FINAL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ives called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Cory Smith	District #1	Present	2:00 PM
Terry Snyder	District #2	Absent	
John Johnson	District #3	Present	2:00 PM
Burl Ives	District #4	Present	2:00 PM
Casey Venema	District #5	Present	2:00 PM

II. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the agenda, as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Casey Venema
AYES:	Cory Smith, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	Terry Snyder

III. APPROVE OF MINUTES

Motion To: Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 11, 2023 Regional Railroad Authority meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Casey Venema
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	Terry Snyder

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL

1. Private Crossing Agreement

Motion To: Pending approval by the County Attorney, authorize the execution by ICRRA Chair of the Pellet Plan Private Rail Crossing Agreement with Mesabi Metallics Company, LLC.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	Terry Snyder

2. Project Update
No project update provided.

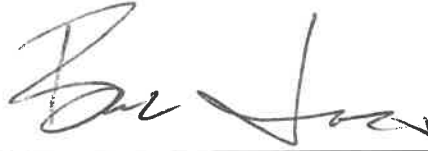
V. ADJOURN

Chair Ives adjourned the meeting at 2:06 PM.

ATTEST



Amanda Schultz
Deputy Clerk of the County Board



Burl Ives
Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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II. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the agenda, as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema

III. APPROVE OF MINUTES

Motion To: Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Regional Railroad Authority meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Casey Venema
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL

1. Project Update
No project update provided.

V. ADJOURN

Chair Ives adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM.

ATTEST

Amanda Schultz
Deputy Clerk of the County Board

Burl Ives
Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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IV.1.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2023-3304

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Karin Grandia

AGENDA ITEM:

Private Crossing Agreement

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Pending approval by the County Attorney, authorize the execution by ICRRRA Chair of the Pellet Plant Private Rail Crossing Agreement with Mesabi Metallica Company, LLC.

BACKGROUND:

There is an existing crossing located at approximate station 324+75 that was installed when the tracks were originally built. At the time, all crossing locations were selected to allow for access to each side of the tracks to roads and to facilitate movement through the mine site.

Mesabi Metallica Company has requested authorization to relocate the crossing at station 324+75 to approximate Station 401+00 near the pellet plant. The existing crossing at station 324+75 is unusable for the current mine site layout and one is necessary near the pellet plant for improved access.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Mesabi RailCrossing Request 9.27.2023
2. Mesabi - RailCrossing Map 09.27.2023

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, John Johnson, Burl Ives, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	Terry Snyder



Mesabi Metallics Company
17113 County Road 58, PO Box 25
Nashwauk, MN 55769

September 27, 2023

Ms. Karin Grandia
Itasca County Highway Engineer
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

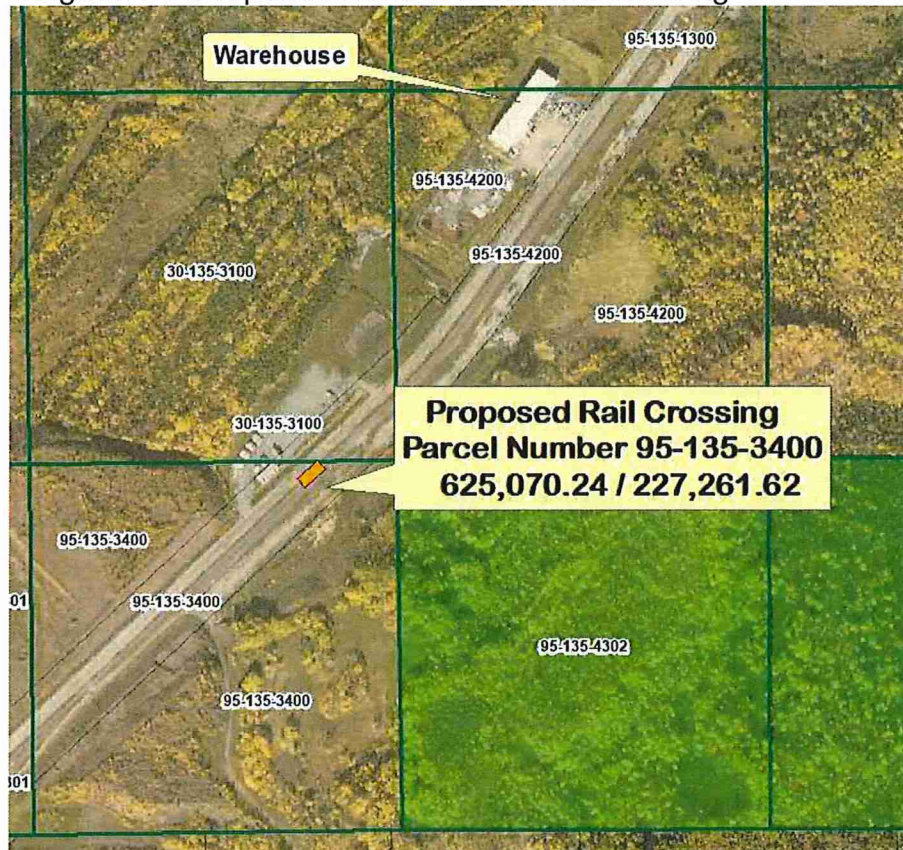
Dear Karin

Following our conversation the other day regarding a third rail crossing at the Mesabi project site, I have put together a number of diagrams to explain our thoughts on the topic. We would like to establish a rail crossing at the north end of the Itasca County rail line in close proximity to the pellet plant and main warehouse facility to facilitate improved access to the mine site. We met with TNT construction several days ago and identified a pre-existing rail cross with no potential road planned. We would like to take that pre-installed crossing shown on Diagram 1, and utilize it for the proposed crossing site shown on Diagram 2. The coordinates for the new site are shown in the diagram 2. With your approval, we would like to have this site approved and licensed through the County. I have attached a map showing both locations.

Diagram 1 – Un-useable existing rail crossing



Diagram 2 – Proposed location of new rail crossing



Please get back to me at the earliest, should you have any further questions. We would like to get this crossing installed in the coming weeks by TNT Construction.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Everett'.

William Everett
Manager of Mining and Mineral Resources

Mesabi Metallics Company LLC

Surfacel Ownership - Proposed New Rail Crossing

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Little
Sucker Lake

Warehouse

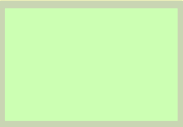
Proposed Rail Crossing
Parcel Number 95-135-3400
625,070.24 / 227,261.62

Mesabi Metallics Map Legend

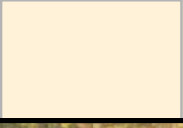


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Itasca



Mesabi

West Stockpile
Storage Yard

Un-Used Rail Crossing
Parcel Number 95-003-3100
620,399.45 / 222,350.82

Concentrator

1 inch = 400 feet



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IV.2.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2023-2865

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Brett Skyles, Matti Adam

AGENDA ITEM:

Project Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

None anticipated. Informational update on any/all current issues involving projects.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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