



**ITASCA COUNTY  
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

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



Tuesday, July 9, 2024

2:00 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

**FINAL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson 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 | Present | 2:00 PM |
| 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.

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

**III. APPROVE OF MINUTES**

**Motion To:** Approve the minutes, as delineated below.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 11, 2024 Regional Railroad Authority meeting.

**IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL**

1. Mesabi Bike Trail

Forest Recreation Specialist Sara Thompson provided information regarding the Mesabi Trail, including information regarding the agreement for management of the trail.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN</b> |
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**V. ADJOURN**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:29 PM.

**ATTEST**

  
Amanda Schultz

Deputy Clerk of the County Board

  
John Johnson

Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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**DRAFT**

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| 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.

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

**III. APPROVE OF MINUTES**

**Motion To:** Approve the minutes, as delineated below.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Regional Railroad Authority meeting.

**IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL**

1. Mesabi Trail

Forest Recreation Specialist Sara Thompson provided information regarding the Mesabi Trail, including information regarding upcoming maintenance needs.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN</b> |
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**V. ADJOURN**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 PM.

**ATTEST**

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Amanda Schultz  
Deputy Clerk of the County Board

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John Johnson  
Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2024-302**

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**DEPARTMENT:** Land Department

**TIME REQUESTED:** < 5 Minutes

**PRESENTER:** Sara Thompson

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Mesabi Bike Trail

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**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

No Action...Informational

**BACKGROUND:**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** None

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN</b> |
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