



**ITASCA COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

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



Tuesday, April 14, 2026

2:00 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

FINAL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith 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
Larry Hopkins	District #4	Present	2:00 PM
Casey Venema	District #5	Present	2:00 PM

II. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion To: Approve additions/corrections to the agenda.

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

III. APPROVE OF MINUTES

Motion To: Approve the minutes, as delineated below.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Regional Rail Authority Meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL

1. Informational

County Engineer, Karin Grandia provided a Rail Budget Update.

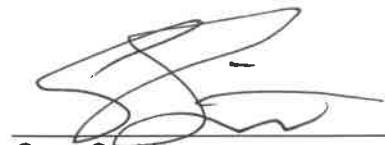
RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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V. ADJOURN

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

ATTEST



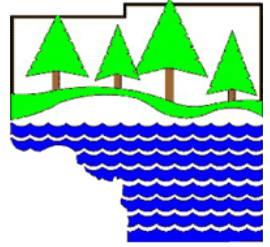
Shelley Kebart
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Administrator

Cory Smith
Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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II. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion To: Add additional information to Item #4.2 (Tailings Pipeline Bridge Agreement) and approve as Amended.

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

III. APPROVE OF MINUTES

Motion To: Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Regional Rail Authority meeting.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Regional Rail Authority meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL

1. Rail Use and Operations Agreement

Motion To: Approve the Rail Use and Operations Agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Casey Venema

SECONDER: Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES: Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

2. Tailings Pipeline Bridge Agreement with Mesabi Metallica Company, LLC

Motion To: Approve the Tailings Pipeline Bridge Agreement with Mesabi Metallica Company, LLC and authorize the County Engineer to sign the agreement.

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

3. Mesabi Trail Reconstruction

Motion To: Adopt the Resolution Re: Mesabi Trail Reconstruction Project Regional Trail Program Grant Application and authorize necessary signatures.

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

V. ADJOURN

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:19 PM.

ATTEST

Shelley Kebart
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Administrator

Cory Smith
Chair, Regional Railroad Authority



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IV.1.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2026-325

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TIME REQUESTED:

PRESENTER: Karin Grandia

AGENDA ITEM:

Rail Budget Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Informational

BACKGROUND:

Breakdown of costs and revenues for the rail portion of the regional rail budget. It is important to keep track of rail revenues and expenses since the revenues collected can only be spent on railroad-related items.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Breakdown of Rail Costs

04/14/2026

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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ICRRA Revenues & Expenses 2026

Rail		2008-2025	Thru Feb 2026
01-004-000-0000-5435	Other Fees & Charges	\$316,900.00	
01-004-000-0000-5820	Reimbursements	\$53,983.00	
01-004-000-0000-6230	Printing & Publishing	-\$283.63	
01-004-000-0000-6250	Utilities	-\$10,514.16	
01-004-000-0000-6270	Professional Service	-\$10,637.50	
01-004-000-0000-6280	Contracted Services	-\$15,020.00	
01-004-000-0000-6355	Liability Insurance	-\$110,965.67	
01-004-004-0000-5435	Other Fees & Charges	\$1,006,114.66	
01-004-004-0000-6250	Utilities	-\$4,999.25	-\$73.92
01-004-004-0000-6270	Professional Sercies/Lobbyist	-\$337,357.39	
01-004-004-0000-6280	Contracted Services	-\$118,680.82	-\$585.20
01-004-004-0000-6355	Liability Insurance	-\$311,511.54	-\$40,124.68
01-004-004-0000-6605	Other Site Const - ROW	-\$702.00	
	Current Balance	\$456,325.70	-\$40,783.80

Fund Balance \$415,541.90