

WISCONSIN RIVER RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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MEMBER COUNTIES: CRAWFORD • DANE • GRANT • GREEN • IOWA • JEFFERSON • ROCK • SAUK • WALWORTH • WAUKESHA

SUBJECT: Friday, October 9, 2026 Meeting Agenda
TO: Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commissioners & Other Interested Persons

Friday, October 9, 2026 @ 10 AM
Hill Farms State Office Building
4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI
Room 149 South

WRRTC's Schedule of Meetings:

2026
January 9
February 6
March 6
April 10
May 8
June 5
July 10
August 7
~~September 11~~
October 9
November 6
December 4

NOTE: The WRRTC's meetings are **usually** held at 10:00 AM on the **first Friday after the first Tuesday of the month** at the **Hill Farms State Office Building** in Madison, WI. If you plan to attend a WRRTC meeting and require specific accommodations, please contact the Administrator at least 3 days in advance of the meeting at 608-348-5055 or by email at rtc@swwrpc.org.

NOTICE is sent to: County Clerks in WRRTC's region for posting and to local news media as an FYI.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

WRRTC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

Hill Farms State Office Building
4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI
Room 149 South

Meeting – Friday, October 9, 2026 @ 10 AM
AGENDA

1. 10:00 AM **Call to Order** – *Marty Krueger, Chair*
2. Roll Call. **Establishment of Quorum** – *Admin.*
3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting's Public Notice** – *Noticed by Admin.*
4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda** – *Prepared by Admin.*
5. Action Item. **Approval of draft August 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes** – *Prepared by Admin.*
6. Updates. **Public Comment** – *Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair*
7. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners** – *No Discussion Permitted*

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

8. **WRRTC Financial Report** – *Treasurer*
 - Treasurer's Report
 - July and August Monthly Financial Statements (Cash Flow, Balance Sheet, and Revenue & Expense Statement)
 - Payment of Invoices
 - Boardman and Clark Invoice: \$6,247.50
 - SWWRPC Administrative Services Invoice: \$9,187.50
9. **Discussion and possible action regarding changes to increase administrative efficiency** – *Chair*
10. **Discussion and possible action on the proposed sale to UW-Madison of the WisDOT-owned triangle parcel at the Corner of Park and Regent St.** – *WisDOT*
11. **Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's Report on Operations** – *WSOR*
 - Janesville Bridge Project update
12. **WisDOT Report** – *WisDOT*
 - Updated Rails and Harbors Organizational Chart
13. **Administrator's Report** – *Admin.*
 - Update on Iowa County Public Records Request dated 9/30/26
14. **Adjournment**

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission
Commission Meeting – Friday, August 7, 2026 at 10:00 am DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

1. 10:00 AM **Call to Order – Marty Krueger, Chair 10:01**

2. Roll Call **Establishment of Quorum**

Crawford	Carl Orr, <i>1st Vice Chair</i>	X	Jefferson	Matthew Tracy	<i>Absent</i>
	Mark Gilberts	X		John Kannard, <i>Vice Secretary</i>	X
	Tom Cornford	X		Jeff Smith	X
				Mark Goose, <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Dane	Kevin Potter	X	Rock	Brandon Buchanan	<i>Absent</i>
	Jeff Huttenburg, <i>Treasurer</i>	X		Tom Brien	X
	Jim Bolitho	X		Alan Sweeney	<i>Excused</i>
Grant	David Wiederholt	<i>Absent</i>	Sauk	Brian Peper	X
	Mike Lieurance	X		Gaile Burchill	X
	Robert Keeney	<i>Absent</i>		Marty Krueger, <i>Chair</i>	X
	Gary Kjos, <i>Alternate</i>	X		Tim McCumber, <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Green	Harvey Kubly, <i>1st Vice Treasurer</i>	X	Walworth	Al Stanek	<i>Absent</i>
	Larry Kranig	<i>Absent</i>		Richard Kuhnke, <i>2nd Vice Secretary</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	Mark Gundlach	X		Allan Polyock	<i>Excused</i>
Iowa	Charles Anderson, <i>Secretary</i>	X	Waukesha	Rick Beutler, <i>3rd Vice Treasurer</i>	X
	John Meyers	X		Karl Nilson	<i>Absent</i>
	Craig Hardy, <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>		Vacant	Vacant
	Michael Gates	X			

The commission met quorum.

Others present for all or some of the meeting:

- Natalie Strait, WRTC Administrator - Julia Potter, Boardman Clark - Ken Lucht, WSOR	- Melissa Markquart, WisDOT - Don Vruwink, ORC
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3. Action Item. **Certification of Meeting's Public Notice**

Motion to approve meeting's public notice – Anderson/Kannard. Passed unanimously.

4. Action Item. **Approval of Agenda – Prepared by Admin.**

Motion to approve amended agenda as presented – Lieurance/Kannard. Passed unanimously.

5. Action Item. **Approval of draft June 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented – Brien/Gundlach. Passed unanimously.

6. Updates. **Public Comment – Time for public comment may be limited by the Chair.**

None.

7. Updates. **Announcements by Commissioners**

Krueger requested that commissioners ask for a packet ahead of time if needed. The agenda and packet will be displayed on the screen.

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

8. **WRTC Financial Report**

The monthly financial statements for June 2026 were presented, including accounts payable and receivable. The June LGIP interest was 3.7%. There were two invoices for payment. \$16,000 was moved into the checking account in anticipation of paying the insurance bill. There were two disbursements: attorneys' fees and the economic study. The economic study was not budgeted for but was paid for with excess funds. There are no bills to approve for August.

Krueger remarked on the funding available for the Janesville bridge project: 80% of the project will be funded by federal and state; the remaining 20% is from other sources, including the Railroad and this commission. Krueger anticipates that the commission will shortly be asked to contribute to this project and draw down on this amount.

Motion to approve the June 2026 Treasurer's Report and invoices for payment as presented. Kannard/Anderson. Motion passed.

9. Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's Report on Operations

The continuous welded rail between Waseca and Boscobel funds have been committed. This is a 100-mile segment, and they hope to wrap up this project in five years.

The status of the Reedsburg tie project is that it has been applied for but not awarded.

A commissioner requested that WSOR write a report or summary of updates to include in the meeting packet.

10. WisDOT Report

Nothing to report. Krueger welcomed Melissa Markquart, the new supervisor at WisDOT for Rails and Harbors.

11. Administrator's Report

Nothing to report

12. Discussion and possible action on Attachment 18 to WSRO Operating Agreement

Potter sent over a corrected version of Amendment 18, the correction was to item 2.

Potter noted that the rental fee is intended to cover all operating expenses; capital funds are not to be used for operating expenses. Based on the financial report the proposed rent should cover operating costs.

Motion to approve Attachment 18 to WSRO Operating Agreement– Burchill/Smith. Passed with Meyers voting in the negative.

13. Open Public Hearing: 2027 Budget

The public hearing was opened at 10:26am

Treasurer Huttenburg provided an overview of the 2027 budget, including the county contribution and WSOR lease payments. Several items in the budget are estimates due to uncertainty about what will happen in the next year; this includes interest rates, other lease payments or crossing agreements, and legal fees. The overall intent is for operating revenue and expenses to zero out.

The commission received one written comment from Iowa County through resolution 5-6026 dated June 16th, 2026. This was previously circulated to the commission and discussed at the last meeting. This was the only public comment received.

Krueger asked 3 times for any additional comments.

14. Close Public Hearing: 2027 Budget

15. Consideration of approval of the 2027 Budget

Motion to adopt the 2027 budget as presented and to notify counties of their contribution– Orr/Cornford. Passed with two negative votes from Meyers and Gates.

Meyers noted he would not be able to support this budget because it is contrary to the resolution that was passed by Iowa County, and noted an interest in finding other ways to raise capital funds. Krueger noted that there have been discussions with Forward Analytics on other funding alternatives.

16. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn. Cornford/Gilberts. Passed unanimously.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

Revenue/Expense Statement
For 7 Month(s) Ending July 2026

	WRRTC Funds	Project Funds	Total Funds	Budget 2026	Difference
Revenues					
WSOR Lease	\$ 44,066.25	\$ -	\$ 44,066.25	\$ 58,755.00	\$ 14,688.75
Land Leases/Easements/Other	\$ 34,325.43	\$ -	\$ 34,325.43	\$ 657.43	\$ (33,668.00)
Permits/Private Crossings	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Interest WRRTC	\$ 25,296.42	\$ -	\$ 25,296.42	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (296.42)
County-Project Funds - 2026	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 104,588.10	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 374,588.10	\$ 356,412.43	\$ (18,175.67)
Expenses					
General	\$ 21,112.00	\$ -	\$ 21,112.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (20,512.00)
Management	\$ 27,125.00	\$ -	\$ 27,125.00	\$ 36,750.00	\$ 9,625.00
Legal	\$ 8,266.00	\$ -	\$ 8,266.00	\$ 24,062.43	\$ 15,796.43
Insurance	\$ 18,142.30	\$ -	\$ 18,142.30	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,857.70
2026 Rail Project (Not Designated)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 74,645.30	\$ -	\$ 74,645.30	\$ 356,412.43	\$ 281,767.13
Net Income	\$ 29,942.80	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 299,942.80	\$ -	\$ (299,942.80) **

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Project Funds Remaining from Prior Year(s)

1 - Janesville Bridge

	Funds Allocated	Funds Spent to Date	Funds Remaining
County-Project Funds - 2023 (Janesville Bridge)	\$ 270,000.00		\$ 270,000.00
County-Project Funds - 2024 (Janesville Bridge)	\$ 107,745.00		\$ 107,745.00
Funding Available for Janesville Bridge	<u>\$ 377,745.00</u>		<u>\$ 377,745.00</u>

2 - Undesignated Funds

County-Project Funds - 2024	\$ 162,255.00	\$ 162,255.00
County-Project Funds - 2025	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00
Total Undesignated Funds	<u>\$ 432,255.00</u>	<u>\$ 432,255.00</u>
 <u>Total Project Funds from Prior Year(s)</u>	 <u>\$ 810,000.00</u>	 <u>\$ 810,000.00</u>

WRRTC
Cash Flow Statement
7/1/26 to 7/31/26

CHECKING		Checking WRRTC
Beginning Balance		18,723.34
Check#	DISBURSEMENTS:	
1555	SWWRPC - Reimbursement of Insurance payment	18,142.30
1556	SWWRPC - 2nd Quarter Adm. Fees	9,187.50
	BMO Bank - Wire Fee	15.00
	Total Disbursements	27,344.80
RECEIPTS:		
	East Wis. Counties Railroad Consortium - Econ. Stdy	8,899.00
	WSOR - 3 Quarter payment	14,688.75
	Total Receipts	23,587.75
Ending Balance		14,966.29

LOCAL GOV'T INVESTMENT POOL	WRRTC	2023 Project	2024 Project	2025 Project	2026 Project	Total
Beginning Balance	248,904.30	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,328,904.30
DISBURSEMENTS:						
WRRTC Checking Account (request made)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS:						
Interest-June @ 3.68%	4,148.99					4,148.99
WRRTC - 2026 Rail Projects Funds from 1 County						
Total Receipts	4,148.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,148.99
Ending Balance	253,053.29	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,333,053.29
Total Cash - WRRTC Checking & LGIP	268,019.58	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,348,019.58
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Bills for Approval

Boardman and Clark Invoice May-July, 2026 6,247.50

Additional Financial Information

None

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

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Permits/Private Crossings	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Interest WRRTC	\$ 29,482.70	\$ -	\$ 29,482.70	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (4,482.70)
County-Project Funds - 2026	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 108,774.38	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 378,774.38	\$ 356,412.43	\$ (22,361.95)
Expenses					
General	\$ 21,112.00	\$ -	\$ 21,112.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (20,512.00)
Management	\$ 27,125.00	\$ -	\$ 27,125.00	\$ 36,750.00	\$ 9,625.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 74,645.30	\$ -	\$ 74,645.30	\$ 356,412.43	\$ 281,767.13
Net Income	\$ 34,129.08	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 304,129.08	\$ -	\$ (304,129.08) **

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WRRTC
 Cash Flow Statement
 8/1/26 to 8/31/26

CHECKING		Checking WRRTC
Beginning Balance		14,966.29
Check#	DISBURSEMENTS:	
	None	0.00
Total Disbursements		0.00
RECEIPTS:		
	None	0.00
Total Receipts		0.00
Ending Balance		14,966.29

LOCAL GOV'T INVESTMENT POOL	WRRTC	2023 Project	2024 Project	2025 Project	2026 Project	Total
Beginning Balance	253,053.29	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,333,053.29
DISBURSEMENTS:						
WRRTC Checking Account (request made)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS:						
Interest-August @ 3.70%	4,186.28					4,186.28
Total Receipts	4,186.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,186.28
Ending Balance	257,239.57	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,337,239.57
Total Cash - WRRTC Checking & LGIP	272,205.86	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	1,352,205.86
						1,352,205.86

Bills for Approval

Boardman and Clark Invoice: \$6,247.50
 SWWRPC Administrative Services Invoice: \$9,187.50

Additional Financial Information

None

Wisconsin River Rail Transit
RTC Administrator
rtc@swwrpc.org

Invoice No. 322256
Invoice Date: August 14, 2026
Client ID: 38531
Matter ID: 00001
Billing Attorney: JKP

Total Professional Services and Disbursements: 6,247.50

Amount Due: 6,247.50

Amount Remitted: \$ _____

BALANCE FORWARD/AGED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES

0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121+
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

A surcharge of 2.5% will be applied to all payments made via credit card.

To pay by Amex, Visa, MasterCard or Discover please go to

<https://boardmanclark.com/pay>

Questions? Please call 608-257-9521 and ask for Accounting

INVOICE DUE UPON RECEIPT

SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING
20 S COURT STREET
PO BOX 262
PLATTEVILLE WI 53818

WISCONSIN RIVER RTC
PO BOX 262
PLATTEVILLE WI 53818

**** Invoice # 1248 ****

Reference#:

INVOICE DESCRIPTION: 3rd Quarter 2026 Administrative Services

Billing Date: 09/30/2026

Due Date: 10/30/2026

Item Description	Item Amount
3rd Quarter 2026 Administrative Services	<u>\$9,187.50</u>

TOTAL BALANCE DUE: \$9187.50

NOTE: THANK YOU!

Any questions, please contact us at (608) 342-6065

Jennifer Murray
DOT Manager – Bureau Director
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