

LA PORTE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION AND RAIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 29, 2017 3:30PM

The La Porte County Construction and Rail Planning Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 3:30pm (CDT) in the Assembly Room #3 of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, La Porte, IN 46350.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Coar at 3:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Novak

ROLL CALL

Joe Coar – Present
Russ Klosinski – Present
Jeff Johnson – Present
Jim Arnold – Absent
Randy Novak – Present
Tom Dermody - Present
Mark Yalgeski - Absent
Jim Thompson - Absent

AGENDA

Russ Klosinski motioned to approve the agenda. Randy Novak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. CRPC Sub-Committee Report

Russ Klosinski gave a report of recent activities by the Sub-Committee. The activities included gathering information for the final draft of the Switching Request for Proposal and the Track Maintenance Request for Proposal. President Coar commended the work done by the Sub-Committee.

B. Final Approval – Switching RFP

Randy Novak motioned to approve the Switching Request for Proposal as presented. Tom Dermody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Final Approval – Track Maintenance RFP**

Randy Novak motioned to approve the Track Maintenance Request for Proposal as presented. Russ Klosinski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

President Coar explained he was contacted prior to the meeting with information that there are hunting stands that appear to be on the county track easements. Mr. Mike Seitz mentioned that the DNR requested an affidavit from the county stating that there should be no hunting on county property. Attorney Doug Biege stated he could follow through with the DNR's request. Attorney Friedman requested the Redevelopment Commission and the Rail Committee motion to approve that there is no hunting permitted in the Kingsbury Industrial Park also. Discussion ensued regarding hunting near the tracks and the industrial park. Jeff Johnson motioned for Attorneys Doug Biege and Shaw Friedman to research the probability of restricting hunting on private property near the Kingsbury Industrial Park. Tom Dermody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Biege gave an update on the status of the liability insurance for the county owned rail track and easements He stated the liability insurance carrier has requested the track legal description prior to quoting the policy. Attorney Biege informed the Commission that the legal description will be available soon.

Attorney Biege gave an update on the Hupp Road easements. He noted that 12 out of 21 landowners have given deeds to the county for the right of way easements and he expects the remainder should be completed by the end of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Randy Novak motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Dermody. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at approximately 3:48 P.M.