

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF DUNN)

I, Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk in and for the County of Dunn, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 2018-29 is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance duly adopted by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on March 21, 2018.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Menomonie this 22nd day of March, 2018.



Julie A. Wathke
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Dunn County Clerk

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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 29

**Supporting the Initiation of Passenger Rail Service Between
West-Central Wisconsin and the Twin Cities**

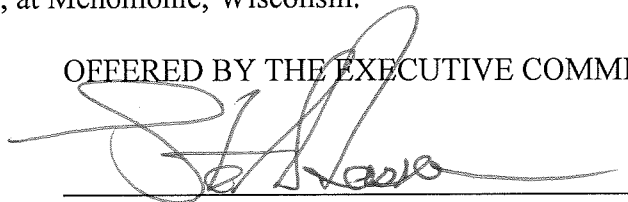
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors express their positive support for this project's concept and goals, endeavor to stay informed of the progress of this initiative, give due consideration to relevant aspects of the project's development, and cooperate with the Organizing Council and the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition in advancing this initiative in all matters that are related to local and community interests, as appropriate and mutually beneficial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Dunn County's representatives in the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly, Governor Walker, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

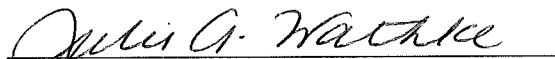
Offered this 21st day of March, 2018, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

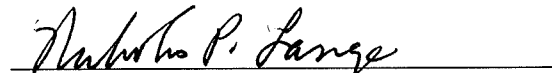
Adopted on: March 21, 2018


Steve Rasmussen, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Approval of this Resolution will have no impact on the 2018 budget.

Background Information: The economic and population growth in this region has proven to be consistently and significantly robust and increasing steadily, to the extent that existing transportation options may become a limiting factor to future growth.

An advanced, attractive, and reliable passenger rail service can serve to retain essential business talent and an educated workforce in the area, promote improved quality of life through expanded employment, cultural, and educational opportunities, enhance the tourism and recreational market, improve transit and other connections in the affected cities, and spur economic development especially in the regularly served station areas and adjacent communities along the route. All day, every day high frequency intercity passenger and commuter rail service linking at least six significant cities and station areas in this corridor appears to be an optimum service model that could generate sufficient ridership and revenue to offset the expected operating costs.

A group of private regional businesses, now known as the Organizing Council, came together in late 2015 to investigate the feasibility of initiating a self-sustaining passenger rail service between Eau Claire and the Twin Cities. The Organizing Council in association with the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition, a non-profit advocacy group supporting transit and passenger rail

development since 1999, has since determined through extensive studies, the synthesis of relevant plans, the examples of other private and public passenger rail ventures across the country, and constructive contacts with the railroads and private providers who may be involved in the project, that the service is potentially feasible and sustainable as a private operation. They consolidated support for this project as a pre-requisite to the successful construction, start-up, and ongoing operation of this transportation service.

The Planning, Resources and Development Committee has reviewed and considered this Resolution and recommends approval by the County Board of Supervisors.