

# Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

Members: Ashland, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Rusk and Vilas Counties of WI and Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon Counties of MI

## Meeting Notice and Agenda Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

Location: GLTPA lower level meeting room  
3243 Golf course Road, Rhinelander, WI

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**July 20, 2018 – 10:00am Central Time (11am Eastern)**

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The NRTC may discuss and take action on any of the agenda items listed below:

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions of Attendees and Public Comments
3. Approval of Meeting Notes from April 18, 2018
4. Update on County appointments to the Commission
5. Update on Invoices to counties for 2018 dues
6. Update –Final Report of Northwoods Freight Rail Study - WI DOT
7. Status of Collective Industry efforts WCG/LSSA (Duncan/Varda)
  - a) Update Lake States Shippers Assoc., Wisconsin Central Group Update
  - b) LSSA Data Co-op Committee, Michigan Tech Project update, planning for Phase 2.
  - c) Maintaining collaborative relationships with GLFR rail carriers.
  - d) Prospects for alternative rail operators?
  - e) WisDOT Rail Plan - Designating Hwy 8 Rail Corridor as "critical" for preservation?
  - f) Legislative initiatives for freight rail preservation, MI and WI?
  - g) Outreach to Minnesota GLFR shippers?
8. Status of Michigan Tech work – (Lautala)
9. Discussion – communications with Federal/State representatives related to Northwoods Rail
  - a) Sen. Baldwin communications with CN
10. Discussion on WisDOT Intermodal Subcommittee (Buchanan-CN/Jones-WEDC)
11. Discussion/Consideration on request for support of Freight Rail Infrastructure/Preservation Grant funds in WI.
12. Consideration/Approval on pursuing grant funding
  - a) EDA Technical Assistance Grant
    - 1) Grant Applicant, Preparation, Administration
  - b) WEDC Capacity Grant

- c) Scope of work
- 13. Discussion on Administration of NRTC
  - a) Notice of termination from Renewable Resource Solutions
- 14. Next Meeting Date
- 15. Adjourn

NRTC Meetings are open to the public.  
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