

ProRail Board Meeting Minutes: 04/12/2025

Discussion Items:

- **MIPRC (LB 256) Bill Hearing**
- **Bill for a State Rail Plan**
- **MIPRC 25th Anniversary June 12th**
- **Newsletter**
- **Annual Meeting**
- **Sending Passenger Rail Information to DOT**
- **Next Meeting April 26th at 9:00AM Scooters Pine Lake**

Detailed Notes:

- **MIPRC (LB 256) Bill Hearing**
 - Discussion of current bill status – not voted out of committee and not a priority bill for any senator.
 - Discussion of requesting the bill be withdrawn. If it stays on file – then there's no hearing next year. No decision made.
 - Discussion of the potential to amend into another bill – unlikely as it has not been voted out of committee.
- **Bill for a State Rail Plan**
 - Discussion of approaching several senators about introducing a bill for a state rail plan. The final day for introducing legislative resolutions this session is 5/15.
 - General discussion of the benefits of hosting events and public outreach to build support for passenger rail. Ties into previous discussion about our extra public events this year. Lays a foundation for supporting legislative action that promotes passenger rail.
 - Matt and Richard to follow up with specific offices on planning for a state rail plan bill to see if there's appetite for this session or to plan for the next.
- **MIPRC 25th Anniversary June 12th**
 - Motion to approve costs for Matt Roque to attend the MIPRC conference/25th anniversary in June. Including train fare, registration, and hotel. Passes 4-0-0
- **Newsletter**
 - Clyde to send and Bridger to reimburse costs. Include new meeting time.
- **Annual Meeting**
 - **Updated time because of scheduling error. Saturday, May 3rd from 9:30 to 11:00 at the Gretna Public Library**
 - Bridger to get a postcard out with the updated time. Also, should be included with newsletter.
 - Key pickup the week before during regular library hours.
 - Agenda discussion: 90 minutes
 - Request State Sens for 15-minute intro
 - Follow up with Bilka to request 30-minute presentation on passenger rail advocacy successes or similar
 - Legislative plans and updates from ProRail ~15-30 minutes
 - Organization plans for the rest of the year and time for feedback ~15 minutes

- **Sending Passenger Rail Information to DOT**
 - Motion to approve subscribing NDOT director to Passenger Train Journal.
Passes 2-0-2.
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