

ProRail Board Meeting Minutes: 09/12/2026

Attendees: Clyde Anderson, Dan Bilka, Bridger Corkill, Robert Kuzelka, Matthew Roque, Richard Schmeling; Sam Will

Discussion Items:

- **Website**
- **Summer Meetings with the Chambers and MAPA**
- **Part Time Assistance and Funding**
- **Legislative Session Strategy and Event Planning**
- **Filling Open Board Seat**
- **Next meeting is at 2:00 on Saturday, October 3rd, at Scooters in Lincoln**

Detailed Notes:

- **Website**
 - Thanks to Clyde for managing the website
 - Motion to authorize up to \$500 in costs to set up and host the new website for the first year. Passed 5-0
 - Square space is the editing/hosting platform we will use
 - Sam to take the lead on this
 - Bridger to make payments for the new account from the ProRail paypal
 - Clyde to share web archive on a thumb drive
 - Need to notify train web when we finish migration and request they forward our domain for a transition period.
- **Summer Meetings with the Chambers and MAPA**
 - Bridger and Matt discussed the meetings we had over the summer with the Chambers and MAPA. Sen Juarez's office coordinated the meetings.
 - Both groups were interested in further coordination ahead of the legislative session to see if we have overlapping goals
 - See attached notes from each meeting.
 - Both groups brought up the transportation task force
- **Part Time Assistance and Funding**
 - Discussion of hosting two events in Lincoln and Omaha to promote another state rail plan bill led to a conversation about hiring or finding part-time volunteer help again.
 - Discussion of potential funding options for a part-time assistant
 - Matt to look at federal opportunities we could apply for
 - Sam to look at rail foundations
 - Bridger to look at local foundations
 - Discussion of the Dan Lutz memorial. Motion to allow funding to be used for all education and development purposes as needed. Passed 5-0.
 - Discussion of potential candidates/individuals who have worked with PRN in the past. May have some new volunteer capacity to tap into.
- **Legislative Session Strategy and Event Planning**
 - Discussion of upcoming legislative session and strategy meeting
 - Discussion of MIPRC bill draft from senators office

- Matt to take the last State Rail Plan act bill and make changes to reflect the feedback we got from the public comments on the bill last session.
- Bridger to send out dates poll to Sen Juarez to see if (1) there's interest in doing more open houses and (2) to suggest possible dates in November/first week of December.
- Bridger to send out dates poll to have a strategy meeting before thanksgiving with other orgs.
- **Filling Open Board Seat**
 - Discussion of Dave Purdy retiring from the board this summer.
 - Motion to appoint Clyde Anderson to fill the position. Passed 5-0.
 - Bridger to send updated officer list to Clyde
- **Next meeting is at 2:00 on Saturday, October 3rd, at Scooters in Lincoln**
 - **Review changes to the state rail plan act bill**
 - **Finalize details for strategy meeting and dates for open houses**
 - **Determine what assistance is needed and how it will be funded**