

**CITY OF HAMBURG, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-08**

***A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TIGER GRANT APPLICATION FOR
MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY***

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority serving five counties owns and maintain 94 miles of rail, and provides service for shippers on a larger regional basis, and

WHEREAS, the ongoing and growing demand for shipping by rail is increasing, and

WHEREAS, the joint venture relations with other rail lines opens additional markets to other parts of the United States, and

WHEREAS, MVRRA knows from first-hand experience what restoration of this rail line means to our city/county. It has been demonstrated already on the portions of the line that have been rehabilitated that safe, reliable and dependable rail service is the catalyst for new, private capital investment in buildings structures that grow business and stimulate our regional economy, and

WHEREAS, new private investment in business expansion increases the tax base for our local schools and government services, resulting in lower tax rates for everybody, and

WHEREAS, healthy and growing industry means new, good paying jobs for our citizens, and

WHEREAS, increased employment means more spending in our local economy and at our Main Street businesses, and

WHEREAS, a safe and dependable rail line means fewer long distance trucks on our streets and highways, and

WHEREAS, access to the Twin Cities terminal means better access to multiple national and international markets, better prices, and better freight rates, and

WHEREAS, this means more money stays in our local, regional and state economies, which is a winning combination for everyone, and

WHEREAS, MVRRA has been a recipient of State Bond funds, and Federal Rail Administration funds since 2002 totally \$31M which has been used for 34 miles of track rehabilitation,




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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamburg City Council strongly supports this project and MVRRA's application funding request for \$20M under the Federal TIGER grant program to secure further funding to complete rail and bridge rehabilitation from Winthrop to Morton, Minnesota, with an additional \$4M in 2017 bonding funds from the State of Minnesota.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of Hamburg, Carver County, Minnesota this 10th day of October, 2017.


Chris Lund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeremy Gruenhagen, City Clerk-Treasurer



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