



MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, January 28, 2016, 10:30 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Larry Gibbs, Clayton County;

Others in attendance: Nick Rissman, Howard County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Krista Rostad, IDOT; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County; Jenna Pollock, Clayton County; Rachele Howe & Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Schellhammer
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Arendt, seconded by McGovern, approved unanimously
3. A motion to approve the 12-1-15 minutes was made by Rowland, seconded by Gibbs, approved unanimously.
4. The current federal fund balances were reviewed. They were adjusted after the December meeting which changed the amount of regional STP in Garnavillo's project. Targets for 2020 have not yet been received from the DOT
5. Election of Officers: After some discussion, and Gibbs stating that he no longer wanted to serve as Vice Chair, a slate of officers was presented as follows: Larry Schellhammer, Chair, Dean Thompson, Vice Chair and Vicki Rowland, Secretary. A motion to appoint the slate was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, all approved.
6. A motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on the Public Participation Plan and proposed amendment to the FFY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Thompson and seconded by McGovern at 10:34 a.m. Motion approved unanimously
7. Public hearing was held to review and receive comment on the following:
 - FFY 2016 Public Participation Plan
 - FY16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment:
 - Fayette County (TPMS 14673): **INCREASE** the total project cost of a bridge project from \$200,000 to \$290,000 and FA from \$160,000 to \$232,000. BROS-C033(117)-8J-33Organist noted the feedback received from the DOT on the PPP – and subsequent adjustments to the plan, Fantz explained the need for the TIP Amendment. Hearing no additional public comment, nor having received any in person, by mail or email, a motion to close the public hearing was made by McGovern, seconded by Rowland, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 10:40 a.m.
8. A motion to adopt a resolution to approve the FFY 2016 RPA 1 Public Participation Plan (Resolution 2016 – 01) was made by Rowland, seconded by Arendt, on roll call, all unanimously approved
9. A motion was made by McGovern, seconded by Thompson to approve the FY2016 TIP amendment as proposed. All approved.
10. DOT Updates – Rostad reported the following:
 - The DOT is working on several statewide plans right now:
 - Long Range Transportation Plan – surveys are online and Rostad will be making a presentation at an upcoming meeting about the plan
 - Freight and Rail Plan
 - Interstate Plan – committee was encouraged to look through the many memorandums online
 - Crude Oil Study

- FAST Act: Started in December – a 6-year bill, funded for 3 years. Don't have all the rules and regs yet, but the state should see a slight increase in highway funds. It is unknown how that will trickle down to the region, but most likely it will be status quo.
- The DOT has been considering the impact of driverless vehicles on the system's future needs
- The state is part of a an 8 state coalition that received TIGER grant funds to complete a truck parking study along the interstates.
- The new traffic operations center is up and running
- Rostad shared a new brochure and encouraged everyone to check out the 511 traveler information site to see what is available. The Track-a-Plow has been very popular.
- Ridenour asked about the Lansing Bridge Project study. Rostad indicated that the state was working with Wisconsin on resource sharing to develop a preliminary engineering study, but that Wisconsin was currently re-evaluating its funding and resource streams for its portion of the study, which has slowed the process.

11. Floor items:

- Thompson brought up the potential for the state to expand the track-a-plow technology to the county level. Rissman indicated that the county engineers (ICEA) were discussing this type of partnership with the DOT.
- Rowland asked about the potential for an increase to the federal gas tax and whether there might be any benefit of that to the state's funding. The group consensus was that it would probably not increase the funding, but simply replace funds that are now coming from the general fund to support the lack of money in the highway trust fund.

12. Hearing no additional floor items, the next Policy Board meeting was set for March 31st, 2016 at noon in Postville

13. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.