

MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, March 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers, Decorah

Board members in attendance: Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Ron McCartney, Clayton County.

Others in attendance: Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Lindsay Erdman, Decorah/Erdman Engineering; Tom Stewart, Oelwein; Krista Rostad, DOT & Michelle Barness, UERPC.

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Schellhammer.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Arendt, seconded by Bradley, approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the 1-19-17 minutes was made by McCartney, seconded by Thompson, approved unanimously.
4. A motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on a TIP amendment was made by Bradley and seconded by Thompson at 11:10 a.m. Motion approved unanimously
5. Public hearing was held to discuss the following:
 - TPMS 35738 in Clayton. TAP-R-Co22(086)—8T—22 (Motor Mill Trail Alternate Route). Increase planning engineering costs for Motor Mill Trail Alternate Route from \$22,000 to \$43,700 in federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding aid for the 2017 programming year. Remaining funding for the project will be incorporated in FFY 2018

Project sponsor provided background. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Bradley, seconded by Thompson, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 11:15 a.m.

6. There was a discussion regarding the status of the TAP application process, which is on hold until the DOT provides the application, the application process, and the TAP and TAP-Flex targets to the region.

There was a discussion regarding what to do regarding the distribution of TAP-Flex funds. There was consensus that given unknowns surrounding the federal aid swap bill it would be best to forgo making a decision regarding the incorporation of TAP-Flex aid in the STBG projects for the time being. DOT planner Rostad explained that the TAP-Flex funds could be programmed in the next funding cycle.
7. A motion to table discussion of distribution of TAP-Flex funds for the time being was made by McCartney, seconded by Thompson, approved unanimously.
8. STBG: Barness presented the STBG targets and eligible uses of these funds and reviewed the current balances with the board.
9. Following a discussion of the committee-recommended STBG projects for inclusion in the FY 2018-2021 TIP, a motion was made by Arendt, seconded by Bradley, to include the following STBG projects in the TIP, all approved:
 - FFY18: City of Oelwein Old Road (10th St. SE) project (\$251,200)
 - FFY 21: City of Decorah Locust Rd. project (\$450,000)
 - FFY 21: Winneshiek County Bluffton Rd. / Co. Rd. W20 project (\$1,488,570)

- FFY 21: Upper Explorerland planning/TA and Admin application (\$30,000)
10. Planner Barness reviewed the Transportation Policy Board by-laws as amended and noted that the only changes were to include additional information on the transportation plans and provide that the policy board secretary would be appointed, not elected. A motion was made by Arendt to approve the by-laws as amended, seconded by Thompson, approved unanimously.
 11. Planner Barness reviewed the draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) to be forwarded to the DOT for review by April 1, 2017. There was a brief discussion regarding the planning activities laid out in the TPWP but no requests for changes or additions to the draft plan. A motion was made by Arendt, seconded by Bradley, to approve forwarding the draft TPWP to the DOT for review, approved unanimously.
 12. DOT Updates – Presented by District 2 Transportation Planner Krista Rostad.
 - Explained that Ragbrai is coming through the region in summer of 2017 and explained some of DOT's involvement in planning and preparing for the event.
 - The DOT Commission is working on their 5-yr programming cycle through 2022.
 - Reviewed the Federal Aid Swap Bill, which will allow the State of Iowa to give primary road funds to local entities, while the state can hold onto federal aid funds. The DOT is planning on setting up a commission of stakeholders to discuss the details of how the bill will be implemented.
 - Provided an update on the Iowa 9 Lansing bridge project.
 13. Floor items:
 - Jenna Pollock of Clayton County Conservation Board discussed the annual meeting of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission on Sept. 19 – 21, addressing agri-tainment and agri-tourism.
 14. Hearing no additional floor items, the next Policy Board meeting was set for May 18th, 2017 at the UERPC office in Postville.
 15. Arendt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.