
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, October 19, 2017, 10:30 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Jan McGovern, Howard County; Ray Peterson, Clayton County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Don Arendt, Decorah.

Others in attendance: Nick Rissman, Howard County; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County; Michelle Barness, UERPC; Rachelle Howe, UERPC.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by McGovern.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thompson, seconded by Arendt, approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the 7-13-17 minutes was made by Bradley, seconded by Schellhammer, approved unanimously.
4. Review of administration modifications since last meeting: Bridge modification to push HSIP-S-C033(132)--6C-33 and BROS-C033(--5F-33 into the FY 2019 programming year.
5. Barness provided an update on the TAP process. She will forward an email from the DOT detailing funding, project selection, communication requirements, project development, and programming details to the board.
6. Barness provided information on the Federal Aid Swap from a September DOT quarterly meeting. Bjerke also provided information on the swap from a committee he had been participating in. There was general discussion amongst the board regarding the impacts of the Federal Aid Swap and the process moving ahead.
7. DOT Updates: None
8. Barness reviewed outcomes from the October 18th Transportation Summit with the board. The board requested Barness share the presentations from the summit with them via email.
9. Items from board members:

Arendt will be retiring as Decorah Mayor in the coming year. He provided feedback about the format of the committee / policy board meetings, and suggested if it is possible, it may be more productive and efficient to hold the tech committee and policy board meetings at the same time. He indicated he believed there are examples of that from other regions. Rod Marlatt suggested that enhancement committee would not want to be left out of such discussions. There was discussion amongst board members of the idea and McGovern requested Barness do some research with other COGs and review the by-laws to see if combined meetings are possible. This is to be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.
10. A potential next meeting date of January 17th was discussed by board members.
11. A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Thompson to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.