
MEETING MINUTES

RPA-1 Policy Board

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Committee members in attendance: Jerry Steven, Howard County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Ray Peterson, Clayton County; Chad Bird, Decorah City Manager; Dylan Mulfinger, Oelwein City Administrator.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Lori Egan, EARL Transit/NEICAC; Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein; Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer; Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT District 2.

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Bradley.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thompson, seconded by Peterson, and passed unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Peterson, seconded by Bird, and passed unanimously.
4. Detter provided updates to board members on proposed changes to Iowa DOT pavement data collection, going from collecting local road pavement data every two years to collecting every four years and allowing local entities to opt-in and pay for the two-year data collection in the middle of the four-year collection cycle, and explained that the Technical Committee had discussed and found that a four-year collection cycle would suffice for the way they use the data for our region. Fantz provided additional comments on the Technical Committee's discussion of the matter. A motion to provide this feedback to Iowa DOT, based on the Technical Committee's recommendation, was made by Mulfinger, seconded by Steven, and passed unanimously.
5. A motion to open the public hearing for the FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments was made by Bird, seconded by Peterson, and passed unanimously. Detter explained that there are three proposed amendments to the FFY 2020 TIP which has already been adopted by the Policy Board but does not go into effect until October 1, 2019 and that these amendments are to that TIP, not the current TIP. Fantz provided updates on a Fayette County bridge project and a Winneshiek County bridge project and the need to adjust the bidding dates so that those projects can be bid together. Detter added that nothing else would be changed about the projects, the amendments just add them to the FFY 2020 TIP, programmed in that same year. Detter then provided information on the third amendment to the FFY 2020 TIP, a pavement rehabilitation project on Locust Road in the City of Decorah, explaining that the amendment updated the total project cost to reflect engineer's estimates that the City has received, to change the STBG funding to STBG-Swap funding while keeping the amount the same, and to adjust the project limits to reflect different options the City

is considering. Hearing no comments from members of the public, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Thompson, seconded by Mulfinger, and passed unanimously.

6. A motion to approve the proposed FFY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments was made by Mulfinger, seconded by Steven, and passed unanimously.

A motion to open the public hearing for the Long-range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was made by Bird, seconded by Peterson, and passed unanimously. Detter explained the year-long plan development process, public engagement activities including public surveys and plan workshops in each of the five counties. He explained that he has coordinated with Iowa DOT to ensure that the plan meets all state and federal requirements for statewide, non-metropolitan planning and that members of the Policy Board and its advisory committees have been involved in reviewing the plan and have reviewed the final draft, and that the draft document has been available for public review for 15 days. He added that the Technical Committee did have a couple of comments including data that was taken from the Iowa DOT verbatim but which featured a few inaccuracies that need to be corrected, as well as noting that Mississippi River bridges ought to be specifically included as regional priorities. He added that Iowa DOT's guidance to the Policy Board was that they could adopt the LRTP today, noting that the needed minor changes will be made prior to submission to the Iowa DOT. Thompson also made a formal request to Billhorn to provide Iowa DOT with the feedback that the Counties would appreciate state guidance on how to handle ATVs and UTVs on public roads. After discussion by board members with Billhorn regarding proper procedures, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Steven, seconded by Mulfinger, and passed unanimously.

7. A motion to pass a resolution approving the RPA-1 Long-range Transportation Plan, *Safe Mobility for Everyone*, with the noted minor changes, was made by Mulfinger and seconded by Thompson. A rollcall vote to approve the resolution was made by Detter and the resolution was passed and approved unanimously.
8. Detter provided additional updates to board members including an update on the regional trail economic impact study that UERPC planner Michelle Barness is working on and a reminder of the October 1 due date for Federal Recreational Trails and Statewide TAP funds. He also informed the board of the new EARL Transportation Director at NEICAC, Lori Egan, and that Russell Loven has resigned from his involvement with the Enhancement Committee.
9. Billhorn provided updates on Iowa DOT construction and maintenance in the region, noting the US 18 resurfacing project in/near Postville would wrap up this year and that the resurfacing of Iowa 9 from Waukon to Lansing will take place in 2020. She said that the process for identifying the preferred alternative for the Iowa 9 bridge in Lansing is proceeding. Mulfinger also told the board about the Highway 150 Coalitions efforts and their recent presentation to the Iowa DOT Commission at its meeting in Arnold's Park.
10. As a floor item, Mulfinger informed the board that the City of Oelwein has received \$1.2 million for trails from a local trust, so they are hoping to finish their "horseshoe" that has been planned for some time.

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11. Board members discussed the next meeting date and decided they will defer to Detter as far as when the next meeting will need to take place.
 12. A motion to adjourn was made by Peterson, seconded by Mulfinger, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVED