

RPA 1 Transportation Enhancement Committee
MINUTES: January 28, 2016

Present: Sheryl Struthers, Elaine Govern, Harold Chapman, Craig Fencil, Darrell Knecht, Valerie Reinke, Barb Schroeder, Mallory Marlatt, Lora Friest, Dean Hilgerson, John Kraus, Jenna Pollock, Rod Marlatt, Rachelle Howe, Karla Organist and the IISC team: John Bruce, Ryan Dusil, Grant Shirts & Matthew VanHoeck

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Rod Marlatt
2. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Struthers, second by Chapman, all approved
3. Motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2015 meeting was made by Struthers, seconded by Schroeder, all approved.
4. Annual Appointment of Chair: Schroeder nominated Rod Marlatt to continue as Chair. A motion to cease nominations was made by Schroeder, seconded by Struthers, all approved. A motion to appoint Rod Marlatt to serve as Chair was made by Schroeder, seconded by Chapman, all approved.
5. Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities – student-led focus group
 - a. U of I students shared several items from the economic impact study of the Trout Run Trail as completed in their first semester work and asked several questions of the group relating to the region’s ideas for future trail development and how progress is achieved.
 - b. Committee members discussed purchasing laser trail counters to be shared by the region.
 - c. Organist/Friest/Schroeder will send links to the students for the Great River Road Corridor Management plan, Scenic Byways plans and the region’s tourism site: www.visitiowa.com
6. Items from committee members:
 - a. The survey regarding scoring practices was a tie. After some discussion, Chair Marlatt, who had not taken the survey, was urged to weigh in. It was decided that for this scoring year, the process would remain the same – all apps are scored by all counties.
7. The next meeting is set for March 31st at 8:30 a.m. in Postville. The committee will review the TAP scores and develop recommendations for the Tech Committee and Policy Board
8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.