

RPA 1 Transportation Enhancement Committee

MINUTES: December 14, 2017

Present: Sheryl Struthers, Elaine Govern, Harold Chapman, Craig Fencil, Darrell Knecht, Valerie Reinke, Barb Schroeder, Mallory Hanson, Jenna Pollock, Rod Marlatt, Joshua Johnson, Bruce Palmborg, Jared Neihus, and Rachelle Howe

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Rod Marlatt
2. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Palmborg, second by Reinke, all approved
3. Motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2017 meeting was made by Struthers, seconded by Pollock, all approved.
4. Discussion on TAP application/TAP programming year feedback - Schroeder made a motion to approve the TAP application and the Priority Criteria for Transportation Alternative Program Projects scoring sheet, Pollock seconded, all approved.

A discussion was held about the year usage of the funds with the application. Schroeder made a motion to use funds within the 2021-2022 year, Pollock seconded, all approved. Howe explained that the funds could be used within the TIP 2019-2022. If the funds were used prior to 2019, an amendment of the TIP would be needed.

5. Discussion on TAP/TAP Flex Targets – McGovern made a motion to recommend to the Policy board that the flex tap funds be split every other year at 100% between the Enhancement Committee and the Technical Committee. Example: 2021 – Enhancement would receive the funds at 100% and 2022 the Technical Committee would receive the full amount, Schroeder seconded the motion, all approved.
6. Federal funds balance – Howe reported that there would be approximately a total of \$238,000 to work with for the TAP applications this year. The targets are not in yet from IDOT. There is approximately \$5,351 left over from 2017 and 2021 funds would be at \$119,000 and 2022 at \$119,000. The tap flex funds for 2021 are at \$91,000 and 2022 we would assume would be the same at \$91,000. The group asked that Michelle send out the amount in each category as soon as UERPC receives the targets from IDOT.
7. County updates –

Allamakee – Reinke updated the group on the Solstice Hike on December 21st; the Driftless center is working on garnering some bus tours and the Lansing Bridge next public meeting with IDOT would be in the Spring of 2018.

Clayton – Pollock updated the group on the Clayton Co. Supervisor’s approval of the Motor Mill Plan from Fehr Graham, the trail is on track to be built next year.

Howard- McGovern updated the group on the Mitchell County re-let their bids for the culvert, work will start in January of 2018; Mower County, MN is working on the Shooting Star Trail laying ground work to move towards IA-90.

Fayette – Marlatt gave an update for Fayette County. He reported that a bridge is being built into Gilbertson Park and the trail bed did get built this year. Also, the TRRC was again awarded Great Places funds of \$216,000.

SRTS – Howe updated the group on some work within Waukon; Waukon Walk-on.

Scenic Byways – Jared updated the group that the corridor management plans were completed for the byways. Also, Allamakee County’s byway is not extended into Winneshiek County and signs will be up soon. The Iowa Byways program has been extended til 2022.

Oelwein – Johnson reported that At Wings Park a bridge is being constructed.

Winneshiek – Schroeder reported that Dry Run Trail bid letting will happen in January which will be an under the road pathway under Hwy 52 to connect Dry Run to Trout Run Trails.

8. Items from committee members:

a. Marlatt mentioned the work needed on the Economic Development Study that Michelle Barness is working on.

9. The next meeting is set for March 29th at 8:30 a.m. in Postville. The timeline for the application are as follows: January 29 – applications will go out; February 28th – Applications are due to UERPC; County groups/committees will review applications in early March; UERPC will submit applications to IDOT for approval; March 29 – enhancement committee will review and approve applications.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.