

**RPA 1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2011 – 12:30 p.m.  
Heritage Center, Cresco, IA (Howard County)**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jan McGovern (Howard), Cloy Kuhse (Allamakee), Bill Ibanez (Winneshiek), Vicki Rowland (Fayette), Larry Gibbs (Clayton), Duane Brandt (City of Oelwein), Don Arendt (City of Decorah), Krista Rostad (IDOT)

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:** Larry Lelifeld, Aaron Burkes, Mary Jungblut - RPA 1 UERPC; Brian Ridenour, Nick Rissman, Lee Bjerke, Rafe Koopman, Ron McCartney

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Jan McGovern at the Heritage Event Center in Cresco, IA. Introductions of members present started the meeting. Minutes of the December 12, 2010 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Gibbs/Arendt to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes will continue to be sent with the agendas electronically.

Approval of the February 17, 2011 Policy Board special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kuhse/Brandt to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of officers followed. A motion was made by Gibbs/Arendt to nominate Jan McGovern for Chair and cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jan. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kuhse/Brandt to nominate Larry Gibbs for Vice Chair and cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Gibbs/Ibanez to nominate Cloy Kuhse for Secretary and cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Cloy. Motion carried unanimously. Cloy tasked RPA 1 / UERPC staff administration to perform the notes taking duties during these meetings; currently being performed by Mary Jungblut, UERPC.

Alternates were discussed for the Policy Board as per the Bylaws. The Board was directed to notify Larry Lelifeld of their alternate. Ron McCartney will be the Clayton County alternate for Larry Gibbs.

Larry gave a review of the Board approved amendments to the 2011 TIP approved at the Public Hearing and Policy Board Meeting on February 17, 2011:

- Clayton CCB 20336 - \$605,576 Clayton County Turkey River Recreational Corridor Motor Mill Trail and Bridge
- Decorah 20334 - \$750,000 for the Decorah Trout Run Trail – Bridging Highway 9

Revisions were:

- Fayette CRD 14805 enhancement project had \$66,000 funding made fiscally available in FFY 2011 from Fayette enhancement funding planned for FFY 2014, was made possible due to Howard County CCB 17090 pushed back from FY12 to FY 13 – see below.
- Fayette CRD enhancement project 19943 in FFY 2014– will have remaining funds available of \$234,000.
- Howard CCB 17090 - \$192,000 was moved from FY 12 to FY 13.

Target funding for STP projects was discussed. There could be \$3,958,946 available, or if funding is cut from the federal government, there could be only \$1,563,650, or a decrease of \$2,395,296. It was the general consensus of the group to determine funding on the \$3,958,946 allocation. The draft TIP is due between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> for submittal for the October 1<sup>st</sup> fiscal year.

Technical Committee recommendations for Policy Board consideration were then discussed. Two Enhancement applications were received:

1. Howard County Conservation and City of Riceville - \$152,000 request, \$190,000 total cost and \$38,000 local funds to link the WGWL trail through the City of Riceville
2. Clayton County Secondary Road - \$720,000 request, \$900,000 total cost and \$180,000 local amount for the Great River Road Bike Trail

The Enhancement Committee voted 113-83 points for the Howard County application for full funding with any remaining funds to be offered to Clayton County. The Technical Committee made a recommendation to the Enhancement Committee that the Technical Committee has reservations on funding new projects when there is a need for reconstruction / rehabilitation of our current trails. They would like the committee to look at the priority of maintaining trails and not new construction. Discussion followed: Counties will have to be paid by secondary road money not enhancement funds. The problem with trails on the shoulder is you have to use road funds to fix 3 lanes instead of 2. Krista stated that Clayton County could apply for State Enhancement funds - \$750,000 maximum because it's part of the Mississippi River Trail and get extra points. It was pointed out that maintenance agreements on trails are for 20 years and many of those have run out on our older trails. A motion was then made by Arendt/Ibanez to approve the Howard County Enhancement application as recommended by the Technical Committee (who voted 4-2). On a roll call vote: Arendt – yes, Ibanez – yes, Brandt – yes, Kuhse – yes, Gibbs – no. Motion carried 4-1. McGovern, Chair approved but vote not needed to carry the decision.

STP recommendations were then discussed. Larry pointed out that there were \$19.5 million in requests and only \$3.9M to award (or possibly only \$1.9 if there are cutbacks).

There were 13 STP requests submitted:

		Total Cost (\$1,000s)	Request (\$1000s)	Match (1,000)
Allamakee County				
1)	W4B from IA51 to W60 X16 from IA 76 to Clayton County (3.5" asphalt overlay strengthening)	2,600	2,080	520
2)	X52 from Power Plant Dr. by Lansing to Red Oak Rd (6' concrete shoulder widening)	2,200	1,760	440
3)	X52 W. Waukon 4.83 mi A52 E. Waukon 12.60 mi X42 from Lansing to A52 – 6.83 mi X20 from IA 9 N 6.02 mi (PCC patch & seal rehab.)	1,000	800	200
Clayton County				
1)	All federal aid eligible routes in Clayton County (Sign replacement)	560	448	112

	2) Starting at int. of C17 and X56 - north north on X56 to int. of Pikes Peak Rd. (PCC pavement overlay with dowel Bar retrofit)	3,543	2,834	709
Fayette County	I-380 to Calmar-w/focus on City of Independence Bypass potential (IA 150 Planning study)	100	25	Region
Howard County	A46/150 <sup>th</sup> Street from US63 to V58 (9 mi. HMA pavement)	2,700	2,160	540
Winneshiek County	College Drive in Decorah - West to Co. Rd. W14 (11 miles CIP recycle, HMA Overlay)	3,500	2,000	1,500
Iowa DOT, District 2	US 52 and IA 9 Decorah (.25 mile reconstruction)	1,000	500	500
City of Decorah	Pole Line East of Hwy 52 (.67 PC concrete)	750	500	250
City of Ossian	S. West St., W. Brooks St., Jessie St. (1725 ft. street paving)	645	516	129
City of Oelwein	S. Frederick to 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW (2647' paving)	738	590	147
City of Garnavillo	Van Buren St. from Hwy 52 E (1,530' full depth patching w/curb/gutter joint seal)	218	174	44

After reviewing each project and discussion, a motion was made by Ibanez/Rowland to approve the Winneshiek County College Drive project for \$2.8 million and also fund a regional sign replacement project on all federal aid routes for all five counties for \$1.1 million. Motion carried unanimously. All signs are mandated to be replaced by 2015, so this will be a project of regional significance.

The Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) was then discussed. This plan is due May 1, 2011.

The Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) draft is due by April 1, 2011 and the final due by June 1, 2011.

Larry stated that there are New Freedom Grant funds available to fund a Mobility Manager for the five-county Region. This person would meet with providers and low income individuals and the disabled to find out the shortfalls in our transportation issues. This needs to be documented in the PTP and the TPWP. This will be an investment of STP funds. A motion was made by Gibbs/Kuhse to research this position further, and the information could be used for the possibility of creating a Mobility Manager position for RPA 1 in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Under floor items: 1) Larry discussed the Pavement Data Collection program at a cost of \$8,887 for two years. It was the general consensus of the group to not to participate in this payment management system. 2) Krista discussed ADA rules pertaining to trails. She stressed non-discrimination on mobility devices on trails. This pertains only to new construction of trails, not

existing trains. The Department of Justice will make the final decision on this. She just wanted the Board to be aware of this for the future.

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2011 at the UERPC office in Postville, with lunch being served at noon. The Technical Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. the same day.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gibbs/Ibanez; the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any errors or omissions.

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Mary Jungblut, Recording Secretary