

**RPA 1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
May 17, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jan McGovern (Howard), Vicki Rowland (Fayette), Larry Gibbs (Clayton), Duane Brandt (City of Oelwein), Don Arendt (City of Decorah), Krista Rostad (IDOT)

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: Larry Leliefeld, Mary Jungblut, Brian Ridenour, Nick Rissman, Lee Bjerke, Tom Stewart, J.D. King, Rod Marlatt

The Policy Board meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chair Jan McGovern at UERPC in Postville. Introductions of members started the meeting.

The March 10, 2011 Policy Board minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Gibbs/Brandt to approve as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of an officer was necessary following the sudden passing of Cloy Kuhse. A motion was made by Gibbs/Arendt to nominate Vicki Rowland for Secretary. A motion was made by Arendt/Gibbs to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vicki Rowland. Motions carried unanimously. Larry Schellhammer was the alternate for Allamakee County, so he will now be the Policy Board Member representing Allamakee County.

Larry gave a review of updates to the 2011 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for an administrative modification to move from 2012 to 2011: the Fayette Bridges TPMS #18348 BROS-CO33(107) – SF-33; #14671 BROS-CO33(111) – 8J-33.

The Technical Committee recommendations of revised targets for FY 2012-2015 STP & Enhancements were discussed. Revised enhancement funding targets were received from DOT on April 19, 2011. They have been reduced from \$154,013 per year to \$118,000 for 2013-2015. Because of this reduction, at the end of 2015 there will be a \$40,346 deficit. The Enhancement recommendation was to give back \$41,000 of the \$234,000 allocated to the TRRC – Fayette & Clayton project for 2014 with the hope of getting it back if any project is turned back in, and to leave the Howard County 2015 allocation of \$152,000 as funded.

The Technical Committee recommendations due to budget reductions for STP projects followed. Apportionments have dropped from \$2,237,379 in 2012 to \$1,713,000 per year for 2013-2015 leaving a deficit of \$1,513,054 at the end of 2015. It is the hope that this sign project will be the top project funded next fiscal year.

As it was 12:30 p.m. and time for the public hearing, a motion was made by Brandt/Rowland to open the public hearing. As there were no written or oral comments made, a motion was made by Gibbs/Arendt to close the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 12:35 p.m.

Technical Committee recommendations of fiscal constraint for the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) followed. It was pointed out that the counties get bridge money every year and are allowed to go three years into “the red”. It was suggested to invite the DOT Commission to the July meeting and copy the Director of the DOT Paul Trambino on the letter.

A motion was made by Rowland/Arendt to approve the transfer of funds between work elements in the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) for FY 2011: \$1,000 less in TP/PPP and \$1,000 more in TIP. Motion carried unanimously.

The TPWP FY 2012 draft was accepted, with the final document due to DOT on 6/1/11. The discussion of adding a Mobility Manager was included in the TPWP.

The five-year Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) was submitted, and one update was to re-establish the Transportation Advisory committee and schedule meetings twice a year. This plan includes all transportation modes – not just roads.

The draft Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for FY 2012-2015 was reviewed. The TIP is due July 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Gibbs/Brandt to approve the amended TIP; a motion was made by Arendt/Rowland to approve the TPWP; Motions carried unanimously. The PTP is still being finished up and will be approved at the June meeting.

Under floor items Krista Rostad stated: 1) The State 20-Year Plan is on the DOT website: www.iowadot.gov and is called “Iowa in Motion”. There are three chapters to review. There will be public meetings on this in September and October. 2) The draft 5-year program is available for public view. 3) She passed out a draft 2012 Highway program map and a Fiscal year 2012 Transportation Funding flow chart.

The next joint Policy Board/Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011 at the UERPC office in Postville, with lunch being served at noon.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gibbs/Brandt; the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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

Mary Jungblut, Recording Secretary