
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, May 28, 2015, 1:00 p.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County

Others in attendance: Krista Rostad, IDOT; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Schellhammer
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Arendt, seconded by McGovern, approved unanimously
3. After adjusting item 14 DOT Updates to include project amendments on US 52 this year, a motion to approve the 3-26-15 minutes was made by Rowland, seconded by Thompson, approved unanimously.
4. An update on TIP administrative modifications since last meeting was provided by Organist:
 - TPMS #25060 BROS-Co45(72)--5F-45 in Howard County, changed project cost from \$200,000 to \$240,000 (FA \$160,000 to \$192,000)
 - TPMS #20517 BROS-Co45(75)--5F-45 in Howard County, changed project cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000 (FA \$320,000 to \$400,000)
 - TPMS #19683 (bridge project) in Allamakee County, changed project cost as follows: FM funds from \$140,000 to \$180,000; FA funds from \$560,000 to \$720,000; total project cost from \$700,000 to \$900,000
5. Motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on a TIP amendment was made by Thompson and seconded by Rowland at 1:05 p.m. Motion approved unanimously
6. Public hearing was held to discuss the following:
 - Howard County: The DOT has requested a CHANGE to the project description and map for Howard County Conservation's Wapsi Trail project, TPMS 21022, EDP-Co45(065)--7Y-45. In addition, the project description for TPMS 6418, STP-E-Co45(50)--8V-45 will also be changed.

Background information was provided for the item. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Thompson, seconded by Rowland, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 1:07 p.m.

7. A motion to approve and adopt the FFY2015 TIP amendment as presented was made by Roland, seconded by McGovern, all approved.
8. The 2016 RPA 1 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) was reviewed and questions were answered.
9. A motion to adopt a resolution to approve the 2016 RPA 1 TPWP (Resolution 2015 – 02) was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, on roll call, all unanimously approved
10. DOT updates (Rostad):
 - The DOT website is being updated and includes a lot of new information. Board members were encouraged to check out some of the articles that can be found there – including asset management and major construction projects
 - DOT Commission will be approving state projects in June



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- Federal legislation: there is currently just a 2 month CR in place. In July, the Highway trust fund will hit 4 million which will halt payments (in September, it would be at zero)
 - A rail study is in the works to study the transport of biofuels and hazardous materials. The new standards were shared with the board
 - The new bike map should be out soon
 - RISE grants have been increased to \$12,000 per job
 - No new movement on state legislation, but apps are being accepted for SRT and RRLG programs
11. Items from Board Members
- Thompson requested that Krista look into the handling of the FEMA funds the county received for road repairs
12. Hearing no additional items from board members, a meeting was set for July 7th at 1:00 p.m. in DECORAH.
13. A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Rowland to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.