
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, March 31, 2016, 12:00 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; Ron McCartney, Clayton County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County

Others in attendance: Krista Rostad, IDOT; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Mallory Marlatt, RC&D/TRRC; Sheryl Struthers, Fayette County Enhancement Committee Member; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Economic Development; Jenna Pollak, Clayton County Conservation Board; Jennifer Cowser, Elkader City Admin.; Casey Mai, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Schellhammer
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rowland, seconded by Arendt, approved unanimously
3. A motion to approve the 1-28-16 minutes was made by Govern, seconded by Thompson, approved unanimously.
4. An update on TIP administrative modifications since last meeting was provided by Mai:
 - TPMS 29305 in Fayette, Request to change Project Scope (Ground In Wet Reflective Pavement Markings On W33 From IA3 North to IA187; V68 From IA3 North to the Winneshiek County Line; W14 From Main Street Hawkeye North to the Transition From PCC to HMA Pavement North of 275th St. (B44)) and the Total Project Costs on a pavement marking project to \$282,000, with total FA amount of \$252,000, TSIP of \$28,000, and Local funds of \$2,000. HSIP-S-C033(113)--6C-33
 - TPMS 12427 in Winneshiek, total cost amount needs adjusted from \$290,000 (\$232,000 FA) to \$410,000 (\$328,000 FA). BROS-C096(131)--8J-96
 - TPMS 34691 in Fayette, IA 150 Pavement widening project. HSIPX-150-4(61)--3L-33
5. Motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on the three TIP amendments was made by Rowland and seconded by McGovern at 12:09 p.m. Motion approved unanimously
6. Public hearing was held to discuss the following:
 - TPMS 29305 in Fayette. HSIP-S-C033(113)--6C-33
 - TPMS 12427 in Winneshiek. BROS-C096(131)--8J-96
 - TPMS 34691 in Fayette. HSIPX-150-4(61)--3L-33

Project sponsors provided background for each item. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by McGovern, seconded by Thompson, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 12:19 p.m.

7. A motion to approve and adopt the FFY2016 TIP amendments as presented was made by Arendt, seconded by Thompson, all approved.

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8. STP/TAP/TAP-FLEX: Mai presented the DOT targets and eligible uses of these funds and reviewed the current balances with the board.
 9. Following a discussion of the committee-recommended STP projects for inclusion in the FY 2017-2020 TIP, A motion was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, to include the following STP projects in the TIP:
 - FFY16 (move to FYY20): City of Decorah Locust Road project change (\$550,000)
 - FFY19: Clayton County Little Port Road Rehab project (\$2,551,048)
 - FFY19: Upper Explorerland planning/TA and Admin application (\$30,000)All approved
 10. After hearing the recommendations of both the Enhancement Committee and the Technical Committee for TAP funding and much discussion, a motion was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee to include the following projects in the FY 2017-2020 TIP:
 - FFY20: Howard County Conservation Board Conceptual Trail Development Project(\$60,000)
 - FFY20: City of Elkader/Clayton County Conservation Board TRRC Trail preliminary engineering (\$52,000)All approved.
 11. Following a discussion regarding the TAP-FLEX funds, a motion was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, to program the 2020 TAP-FLEX funds 80% to STP and 20% to TAP. All approved
 12. RPA Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): Mai shared the work elements as proposed for the coming FY. Policy Board members asked questions and offered feedback. The formal resolution adoption for the TPWP will take place at the May Board meeting.
 13. DOT updates (Rostad):
 - The Iowa DOT Commission will host a Public Input Meeting on June 14, 2016, at the Park Place Event Centre, 1521 Technology Parkway, in Cedar Falls. If interested in being on the agenda, contact Krista.
 - FAST Act bill passed in December focuses on STP Block Grants that mainly emphasis on bridge replacements.
 - Freight is another emphasis and states are now required to have freight plans.
 14. Board members discussed embargoing gravel roads and the experiences that came with it.
 15. Next meeting was set for May 19th at 11:00 a.m. in Postville.
 16. A motion was made by Rowland, seconded by Arendt to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.