
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, July 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Ron McCartney, Clayton County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Don Arendt, Decorah.

Others in attendance: Michelle Barness, UERPC; Rachelle Howe, UERPC.

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Schellhammer.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Schellhammer, seconded by McCartney, approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the 5-18-17 minutes was made by Arendt, seconded by Bradley, approved unanimously.
4. Motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on the 2018-2021 RPA-1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Thompson and seconded by Arendt at 9:35 am. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Public hearing was held to discuss FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Barness explained the public comment process for the TIP and indicated that UERPC had not received any comments. She stated that the Iowa DOT had requested a few minor changes to the draft TIP submitted last month, which were incorporated in the final document under consideration by the Board. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Thompson, seconded by Bradley, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 9:40 a.m.
6. Barness presented Resolution 2017 - 02 for adoption of the FFY 2018-2021 RPA 1 Transportation Improvement Program. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bardley, seconded by McCartney, on roll call, all unanimously approved.
7. Planner Barness shared information on the TAP process, explaining that the DOT had put the process on hold for the time being.
8. Thompson inquired about the impact of the Federal Aid Swap, and there was discussion amongst board members regarding the status of the swap. The board requested Barness get an update on the federal aid swap from District Transportation Planner Krista Rostad and forward it to the board.
9. Board members discussed road treatment options.
10. Floor items:
 - Board members discussed road/ROW preparations for Ragbrai in July. Counties aren't required to do road work but many pushed road improvements on impacted roads up to try to accommodate the event. Mowing and vegetation management was also planned to occur during the event.
 - Thompson requested Barness share a copy of the TPMS programming excel document so he could learn more about current/ongoing projects.
11. A potential next meeting date of October 11th was discussed by board members.
12. A motion was made by Arendt, seconded by Thompson to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.