
MEETING Minutes: RPA-1 Transportation Policy Board

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Dylan Mulfinger, City of Oelwein; Jan McGovern, Howard County.

Others in attendance: Krista Rostad, Iowa DOT; Michelle Barness, UERPC; Aaron Detter, UERPC; Curt McNew, NEICAC/Transit; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation Board.

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Thompson.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by McGovern, seconded by Bradley, and approved unanimously.
3. McGovern noted a correction to the March 29th, 2018 meeting minutes (changing County Road “B10” to “V10”).
A motion to approve the March 29th, 2018 meeting minutes with that correction was made by Bradley, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.
4. Barness initiated a discussion of the 2019 RPA-1 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)
PRA-1 Resolution number 2018-02, to approve the SFY 2019 RPA-1 TPWP, was read aloud by Thompson.
A motion to approve the resolution was made by McGovern and seconded by Mulfinger. Thomson took a roll-call vote and the resolution was approved unanimously.
5. Barness informed members that the final target for STBG-TAP-Flex for FFY 2018 had increased from \$89,071 to \$89,800 and that the Policy Board would have to decide to which funding source to allocate the additional \$729 (among STBG and TAP).
A motion to add the \$729 to TAP was made by Mulfinger, seconded by Bradley, and approved unanimously.
6. Barness initiated a discussion of the revised Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Swap application materials. Revisions specify that cities are not required to get approval from their respective County Board of Supervisors in order to apply for STBG/Swap funds from the Policy Board. New language states that cities under 5,000 population are required to share the project with the County Board of Supervisors and provide a letter of recommendation, whether positive or negative, with their funding application, and that a positive recommendation from the County Board of Supervisors is desirable though not required.
A motion to approve the revised language in the RPA-1 STBG/Swap application was made by McGovern, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.
7. Barness provided an update on the status of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development process.

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8. Barness shared with the board that the UERPC transportation planners would like to feature an agenda item at Policy Board meetings where an update is given on the other transportation committee meetings (Enhancement, Technical, and Transportation Advisory Group). Barness then provided an update on some issues and news from the other committees.
 9. Barness provided an update on transportation planning deadlines and informed the Policy Board that the final TPWP is due to the Iowa DOT on June 1st, 2018; and that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is due to the Iowa DOT on June 15th, and the final is due on July 15th.
 10. Rostad provided Iowa DOT Updates, discussing the public information meeting for the Lansing Blackhawk Bridge (IA-9) and the draft Five-Year Program that will be approved the second Tuesday of June by the Iowa DOT Commission
 11. Mulfinger provided the other Policy Board members with an update of the Highway 150 Coalition effort.
 12. The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m.
 13. A motion to adjourn was made by Mulfinger, seconded by Bradley, and approved unanimously.