
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Policy Board

Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. – Electronic Meeting

This meeting took place via electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa.

As a result of the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Iowa and based on the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it was impractical for the Policy Board to meet in person. Therefore, the meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom electronic meeting platform. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings and provide comments and questions as appropriate. Public notice of the meeting was issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

Committee Members in attendance: Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Dylan Mulfinger, City of Oelwein; Janell Bradley (Chair), Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Ray Peterson, Clayton County.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Rachelle Howe, UERPC Executive Director; Lori Egan, EARL Transit Director; Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Bradley at 11:02 a.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Borowski, and passed unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the July 7th, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Borowski, seconded by Thompson, and passed unanimously.
4. A motion to open the public hearing for the proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2021-2024 was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Peterson, and passed unanimously.

Detter presented the proposed project amendment to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP, rehabilitation of the Bridge Street Bridge in Elkader, noting that the amendment adds the project into the FFY 2021-2024 TIP with a new project number and includes additional CHBP funding that was awarded to the project.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Borowski, seconded by Thompson, and passed unanimously.

5. A motion to approve the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2021-2024 was made by Mulfinger, seconded by Thompson, and passed unanimously.

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6. Detter provided RPA-1 staff updates on upcoming RPA work products and deadlines, timelines for next RPA meetings, and the ongoing regional trail economic impact analysis.
 7. Detter and Billhorn provided updates on road construction and maintenance in the region.
 8. Board members decided to wait and set the next meeting date for mid-November or early December and to let Detter get in touch with them to propose dates for the next meeting as that time approached.
 9. A motion to adjourn was made by Peterson, seconded by Schellhammer, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

APPROVED