
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Policy Board

Thursday, December 9th, 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 took place virtually via the Zoom electronic meeting platform. It was open to the public and those in attendance were able to 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: Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Dylan Mulfinger, City of Oelwein; Janell Bradley (Chair), Fayette County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Dean Eastman, Howard County.

Others in attendance: Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT District 2 Planner; Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Rachelle Howe, UERPC Executive Director; Lori Egan, EARL Transit Director; Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer; Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer; Jenna Pollock, Clayton County Conservation Board.

1. The meeting was called to order by Bradley at 11:05 a.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thompson, seconded by Schellhammer, and passed unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the September 24th, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Mulfinger, 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 Thompson, and passed unanimously.

Detter presented a proposed project amendment to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP for a Winneshiek County project, Bluffton Road (W20) pavement rehabilitation. He noted that the amendment modifies local and farm-to-market funding amounts and changes the project limits from “W20, from Co. Rd A34 to 244th Ave.” to “W20, from Co. Rd A34 to Co. Rd. A18”. Bjerke confirmed the amendment details.

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

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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.
 6. Detter provided RPA-1 staff updates on upcoming RPA work products and deadlines, timelines for next RPA meetings, and upcoming appointments for the RPA-1 Policy Board and Enhancement Committee that will be needed at the beginning of the year.

Detter noted that the call for applications for FFY 2025 STBG and TAP funding would be going out in January, with applications due at the end of February.
 7. Billhorn provided updates on road construction and maintenance in the region.
 8. Board members decided to wait and set the next meeting date for March 2021 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 Schellhammer, seconded by Thompson, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

APPROVED