
MEETING MINUTES: RPA-1 Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, October 25, 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; Ron McCartney, Clayton County; Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC; Michelle Barness, UERPC; Ashley Christensen, UERPC; Maura Jones, NEICAC/EARL Transit; Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT District 2; Barb Collins, City of Monona; Dan Canton, City of Monona; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Chad Bird, City of Decorah.

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:18 a.m. with a roll call by Thompson and all seven members in attendance.
2. A motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of a new item number five for board consideration of contingent approval of transit project amendments to the TIP as explained by Detter, was made by Borowski, seconded by Mulfinger, and approved unanimously. McCartney abstained.
3. A motion to approve the July 11, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Bradley, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.
4. A motion to open the public hearing for FFY2019 TIP amendments was made by Borowski, seconded by McCartney, and approved unanimously.

Detter discussed four proposed amendments to the FFY2019 TIP for Policy Board consideration and possible action.

With no further questions or discussion, a motion to close the public hearing was made by McGovern, seconded by Borowski, and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve all four FFY2019 TIP amendments was made by Bradley, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.

5. Detter and Jones described the five proposed transit project amendments to the FFY2019 TIP for Policy Board consideration and possible action.

Members discussed the prospect of a contingent approval of the amendments, per Iowa DOT's recommendation. Members came to consensus that they would hold a special meeting in the following two weeks for a public hearing and consideration of these amendments.

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6. Detter provided an update to board members on the status of the planning process for the Long-Range Transportation Plan.
 7. Billhorn provided updates on Iowa Department of Transportation activities.
 8. Detter and Barness presented a proposal regarding the potential use of RPA-1's annual STBG-TAP-Flex funding target to fund walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements in the region's towns, and committee members discussed.

A motion to disapprove of the proposal was made by McCartney and seconded by Bradley, with further discussion.

After further discussion, the question was called by McCartney and seconded by Schellhammer. The calling of the question was approved 4-3, with Thompson, Bradley, Schellhammer, and McCartney voting aye and McGovern, Borowski, and Mulfinger voting nay.

A vote was taken on the motion on the floor, to disapprove of the proposal, and was approved 5-2, with Thompson, Bradley, Schellhammer, McCartney, and McGovern voting aye, and Borowski and Mulfinger voting nay.

9. Detter provided the board an update on the upcoming STBG-Swap/TAP application cycle and that applications would be due at the end of February.
10. A motion to adjourn was made by McCartney, seconded by Borowski, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.