
MEETING MINUTES

RPA-1 Policy Board

Thursday, July 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Committee members in attendance: Jerry Steven, Howard County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Ray Peterson, Clayton County.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Diana Johnson, UERPC; Rachelle Howe, UERPC Executive Director; Maura Jones, EARL Transit/NEICAC; Rod Marlatt, Fayette CCB; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Development Group; Jenna Pollock, Clayton CCB

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Bradley.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thompson, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 30, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Borowski, seconded by Peterson, and approved unanimously.
4. Detter presented proposed revisions to RPA-1 Transportation Policy Board Bylaws, as discussed at the March 28th meetings of the Enhancement Committee, Technical Committee, and Policy Board. He explained that there were two versions of the proposed bylaws—one that reflected only those changes discussed previously and another that included some additional suggested revisions for better clarity and accuracy. Detter reminded members that at the May 30th Policy Board meeting they had approved moving ahead with the version that included additional revisions, and that the board would be considering action to adopt the new bylaws at the current meeting in accordance with the procedures of the bylaws. Marlatt noted that the Enhancement Committee's previous recommendations were incorporated into the version of the bylaws that the Policy Board would consider. Without further discussion by Committee members, Marlatt moved to the next agenda item.

After brief discussion by board members, a motion to approve and adopt the revised bylaws was made by Thompson, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.

5. A motion to open the public hearing for the proposed FFY 2019 TIP amendment was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Steven, and approved unanimously

Detter explained and read the amendment language verbatim from the public notice as follows: "The project is replacement of a bridge over Turner Creek on 240th Street in Fayette County. Funding is programmed in FFY 2019. Amendment increases federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Highway Bridge Program (HBP)

funding from \$240,000 to \$440,000 and increases local matching funds from \$70,000 to \$110,000, for a total project cost of \$560,000. All other project details remain unchanged.”

There were no comments from members of the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Borowski, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.

After brief discussion of the proposed TIP amendment by Board members, a motion to approve the amendment to the FFY 2019 TIP was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Peterson, and approved unanimously.

6. A motion to open the public hearing for the draft FFY 2020-2023 TIP was made by Peterson, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.

Detter discussed the draft FFY 2020-2023 TIP, informing board members that committee members had reviewed their project information for accuracy. Detter then provided background information to the board on the TIP's role and function explaining that it is the list of all the state- and federal-aid transportation projects in the region, and that it demonstrates fiscal constraint of the region's programmed Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program (Iowa's TAP) funding for the next four federal fiscal years and that it is updated annually.

There were no comments from members of the public.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Thompson, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.

7. Detter read RPA-1 Resolution 2019-02 to approve the RPA-1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2023.

A motion to approve RPA-1 Resolution 2019-02 was made by Peterson and seconded by Borowski. Detter proceeded with a roll-call vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Detter informed Board members that he would add the approved resolution to the FFY 2020-2023 TIP document and submit it to Iowa DOT the following day (July 12) in compliance with the Iowa DOT's July 15 deadline.

8. Detter provided additional updates including that he would be submitting all remaining draft sections of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to Iowa DOT for review and comment by June 28, and that after he incorporates any Iowa DOT changes, he will share the draft with the Policy Board and Committees for their review and comment, before finalizing a draft for public review prior to its public hearing and possible adoption in September. Noting that the final, adopted plan would be due to Iowa DOT by September 20, Detter recommended Thursday, September 19 for the next Policy Board meeting.
9. Iowa DOT District 2 Planner Krista Billhorn provided construction updates. She also discussed the public meeting for the Iowa 9/Blackhawk Bridge project that was held on July 9. She explained some of the bridge alternatives being considered and some of the aesthetic options, and discussed the remaining timeline for selecting the preferred alternative by the end of the year or early in 2020.

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10. Board members had no items from the floor.
 11. Board members set the next meeting date as Thursday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m.
 12. A motion to adjourn was made by Thompson, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED