
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Technical Committee

Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 10:00 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 Technical Committee 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 could 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: Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein; Jeremy Bril, City of Decorah; Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County Engineer.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Rachele Howe, UERPC Executive Director; Dylan Mulfinger, Oelwein City Administrator; Jenna Pollock, Clayton County Conservation Board.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Rissman.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Fantz, seconded by Bril, and passed unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 21st, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Kane, seconded by Fantz, and passed unanimously.
4. 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.
A motion to recommend approval of the amendment by the Policy Board was made by Koopman, seconded by Bril, and passed unanimously.
5. 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.
6. Detter provided updates from Iowa DOT District 2 Planner Krista Billhorn on road construction and maintenance in the region.
7. Floor Items:

Pollock gave additional updates on the Highway 13 project and bid letting issues and issues signage on a gap segment between the DOT ROW and the County ROW.

Ridenour noted that the County Engineers virtual meeting will be on October 9th.

8. Committee members deferred setting a next meeting date to go with what the Policy Board decides.
9. A motion to adjourn was made by Fantz, seconded by Koopman, and passed unanimously.

APPROVED