
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Transportation Enhancement Committee

Thursday, October 20th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

UERPC, 325 Washington St., Decorah

Members in attendance: Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation Board (Chair); Val Reinke, Allamakee County Economic Development; Roger Thomas, Clayton County; Joshua Johnson, City of Oelwein; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Development Group; Craig Fencil, Howard County Conservation Board; Jeff Korsmo, Howard County Conservation Board; Elaine Govern, Howard County; Stephanie Fromm, Winneshiek County Development, Inc.

Members absent: Jenna Pollock, Clayton County Conservation Board; Sheryl Struthers, Fayette County; Andy Kelleher, Lansing Main Street; James Janett, Allamakee County Conservation Board; Barbara Schroeder, Winneshiek County Conservation Board; Brian Fuhrmann, City of Decorah.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Logan Hahn, Winneshiek County Conservation Board; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:52 a.m. by Marlatt

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelchen, seconded by Reinke, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the July 13th, 2022 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the July 13th, 2022 meeting minutes, was made by Reinke, seconded by Govern, and passed unanimously.

4. Selection of Vice Chair

Detter notified committee members that Barb Schroeder had resigned from her position as Vice Chair effective October 10th, 2022.

Marlatt noted that Pollock would be willing to serve as Vice Chair.

A motion to appoint Pollock as Vice Chair was made by Reinke, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously.

5. Discussion of TAP scoring work session

Marlatt noted that some members of the Enhancement Committee had held a work session prior to the meeting to discuss some issues that had come up with how the committee scores and evaluates TAP applications. He noted that the consensus of the group was to move forward with the existing application and evaluation process and learn from it.

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Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah; Brett DeVore, City of Oelwein; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Ray Peterson, Clayton County; Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Dean Eastman, Howard County; Mark Vick, Winneshiek County

It was requested that Detter reach out to the Iowa DOT and possibly other RPA's to find out how they handle their TAP application and scoring process.

6. RPA-1 staff updates

Detter provided RPA-1 staff updates including the upcoming update of the regional Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP), an overview of the Iowa DOT six-year planning review of RPA-1 administration, as well as the idea of having a "board orientation" presentation about the regional transportation planning process and the RPA's roles and responsibilities.

He also noted that the Iowa's TAP program continued to be on hold as Iowa DOT works with the Federal Highway Administration on making sure the program complies with federal requirements.

7. Floor Items

Marlatt provided an update on the Destination Iowa grant application that was discussed at the previous meeting. He noted that the application was for \$8.5 million and that the project was for several segments of the proposed Backbone trail network, as well as some spurs and trail in Oelwein.

8. Set next meeting date

Detter noted that the next meetings would likely be in January and that he will coordinate as usual with the Board and committees to schedule.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelchen, seconded by Reinke, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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