

RPA 2
POLICY BOARD MINUTES
January 14, 2015

Dwight Leerar, Hancock County
Stan Walk, Mitchell County
Roy Schwickerath, Floyd County
Terry Durby, Winnebago County
David Tollefson, City of St. Ansgar
Jerry Tlach, Hancock County
Dave Haugen, Worth County
Jim Erb, City of Charles City
Keri Navratil, City of Algona

Mike Nolte, Franklin County
Don McGregor, Kossuth County
Ron Holland, City of Forest City
Brent Trout, City of Mason City

Others Present:

Chris Diggins, NIACOG
Jennifer Butler, NIACOG
Krista Rostad, IDOT

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Vice-Chair Walk.

Walk then welcomed any new members or visitors and began introductions.

Following introductions, the next item was election of Officers. Chair Amosson was no longer a Supervisor, Walk is current Vice-Chair and Nolte is Secretary. A motion was made by Tlach, seconded by Nolte to nominate Walk as Chair, all ayes. A motion was made by Schwickerath, seconded by Tlach for nominations to cease, all ayes.

A motion was made by Durby, seconded by Tlach to nominate Nolte as Vice-Chair, all ayes. A motion was made by Schwickerath, seconded by Er for nominations to cease, all ayes.

A motion was made by Durby, seconded by Nolte to nominate Schwickerath as Secretary, all ayes. A motion was made by Tollefson, seconded by haugen for nominations to cease, all ayes.

A motion was made by McGregor, seconded by Erb to approve the slate of officers as nominated, All present voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Erb, seconded by Schwickerath, to approve today's agenda and the October 8, 2014 minutes. All present voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Newly elected Chair Walk opened the Public Hearing on a proposed TIP/STIP amendment as follows:

- **FY 2015 - FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment – Add Project**
Hancock County Bridge BROS-CO41(119)—8J-41 NBIS# 173500
Ford Ave. Over DD 10, .25 mile south of 220th St
Total project Cost: \$120,000 Federal Aid: \$96,000

Diggins explained the proposed project. There were no questions or comments received from the public and no public present. A motion was made by Tlach, seconded by McGregor to close the hearing. All present voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Leerar, seconded by Haugen to approve the proposed amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item was discussion of the TAP Committee and development of a Regional Trail Plan. Diggins stated he had been to one county, but was expecting to be a several others soon. He hoped to at least have Maps, of proposed projects albeit, probably not a complete trail plan by the time funding decision needed to be made later this year. Erb questioned when this would be complete and how the Plan will work with the State Plan update. Diggins and Rostad explained this is the local Plan, but the information would be inputted into the State Plan where appropriate. This would be on-going to update the State with information on our regional Trail Map, but the State is not looking at our proposed projects/plan for their documents. Diggins will keep the Board updated on progress.

In other discussion, Rostad provided information on several topics of the IDOT including rumble strip design specs, federal program awards, Governor's budget proposal, snow plow cams, etc.

Diggins talked about the upcoming application cycle and that instead of having applications be due by March, that would be pushed back some. Draft TIPs are not due until June 1, so we don't need to have application in as soon as we have done in the past. Diggins will work with the Committees on setting a due date.

Along with the applications, IDOT is pushing for formal notification of awards and requirements so there is no confusion for responsible entities what they must do to receive federal funds. Evidently, there has been a project that the responsible entity did the project, but did not go through the development process as established at IDOT by FHWA. It could mean the loss of the federal funding.

Also in other business, Diggins updated the Policy Board that the RPA 2 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) was being updated as is required every 5 years. A survey is out right now with the United Way advertising. (If they had heard the radio spots). Projects programed for funding have to be identified in the PTP. One particular project is a cold storage building at the NIACOG facility. It will provide better protection of the equipment from vandals, weather, etc.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2015 at 2:30 PM.

A motion was made by McGregor, seconded by Leerar to adjourn, the Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Christopher A. Diggins,
Local Assistance Director