

RPA 2 POLICY BOARD MINUTES

NIACOG Office, 525 6th St. S.W. Mason City, IA
July 12, 2017

Stan Walk, Mitchell County
Terry Durby, Winnebago County
Mark Smeby, Worth County
Casey Callanan, Cerro Gordo County
Curt Wiseman, City of Algona
Nelson Crabb, City of Clear Lake
Ron Dunt, City of Hampton
Doug Kamm, Floyd County
Steven Van Steenhuyse, City of Mason City
for Brent Trout

Mike Nolte, Franklin County
Tim Schmidt, City of Garner
Candy Hanna, City of Lake Mills
Teresa Nicholson, Winn-Worth Betco

Others Present:

Joe Myhre, NIACOG
Krista Rostad, IDOT

Chairman Walk called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. A motion was then made by Durby, seconded by Callanan to approve the afternoon's agenda and minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Following introductions, Krista Rostad with the IDOT provided an update of the Highway 122 reconstruction project in Mason City to flatten the curves on the east bound lanes between Monroe Ave and Carolina Ave. Rostad said the project will be let in December of 2017 and construction work to begin in the Spring of 2018. She said they will maintain 2-way traffic during the entire construction period.

Rostad also provided an update on the Floyd interchange on Highway 27. She said they were planning the kick-off meeting for the design phase of the interchange now that the interchange has been included in the IDOT's approved 5-year plan. She concluded her comments by stating that both of these projects have been in the discussion phases for multiple years and she was very happy to see both projects moving toward resolution.

Chairman Walk then opened the public hearing on the 2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) and the FY 2018-FY2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) including the Consolidated Transit Applications. Rostad then provided a brief summary of the documents. Following Rostad's comments, Chairman Walk asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board or public. Board member Nicholson then asked for a correction to the documents to update the board membership which Myhre said staff will accommodate. Chairman Walk then asked if staff had received any public comment prior to the meeting. Myhre responded by stating no comments had been received. Chairman Walk then asked one final time for comments prior to closing the public hearing.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Walk asked for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was then made by Nicholson, seconded by Callanan to close the public hearing noting the correction to the board membership rosters. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then presented a resolution for the Board's consideration on the adoption of the 2018 TPWP. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Durby, seconded by Kamm to approve the 2018 TPWP resolution adopting the TPWP. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then presented a resolution for the Board's consideration on the adoption of the FY 2018 – FY 2021 TIP. Following a brief discussion on the document, a motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Callanan approving the 2018 – 2021 TIP resolution adopting the plan. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then moved to the discussion of the RPA 2 STP and TAP financials. Rostad then provided an overview of the overall federal funding outlook saying that she was pleased with the low carryover of TAP funds and how the region was spending its funding down in a regular fashion. She then explained the history behind the process and how Federal Highway has halted the recently approved process of the IDOT concerning the allocation of funds through a statewide competitive process. Several questions were then asked by the Board and a healthy discussion ensued. Rostad said the process was under review by IDOT and existing applications were on hold. She then commented that she hoped a formal process would be approved and applications would be authorized to move forward by Spring 2018.

Chairman Walk then asked if there was any other business or comments for the good of the cause. Hearing none, he said the next meeting would be held October 11, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at the NIACOG office.

Chairman Walk then asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was then made by Smeby, seconded by Callanan. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Myhre, Executive Director
Recording Secretary