

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee

Minutes of January 8, 2016 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Friday, January 8, 2016 in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Russell Kurth, Harrison County, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Terry Cox	City of Harlan
Russell Kurth	Harrison County Supervisor
Richard Crouch	Mills County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Kevin Mayberry	Mills County Engineer
Perry Cook	City of Glenwood
Steve Struble	Harrison County Engineer
John Rasmussen	Pottawattamie County Engineer
Mark Lander	SWITA

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Others in Attendance

Ken Weber	Harlan Municipal Utilities
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1. Approval of the Agenda and of the Minutes: (Action)

MOTION by Cox, SECOND by Crouch, to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2015 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Discussion of Project Selection Process: (Information)

Helgerson said prior to this meeting, Mayberry, Struble and Cox met to go over the project selection details including what they will be looking at this year to evaluate projects and community requests. Helgerson said they looked over an example of how Region - 3 Northwest Iowa Planning and Development evaluates their projects and it's similar to how RPA - 18 will be doing the process. Helgerson went over some changes they plan to implement using a draft application for STP funds. These changes will give more information about the projects and what potential issues relating to it may be. The information required on this draft application is required for TPMS and the information will give the Committee more of a record of what's being submitted on a given year and will help in prioritizing projects. The application will be online so smaller communities can access it but will most likely coordinate through RPA members. By the first of April, it will be determined which projects will be approved for the region.

Helgerson said he will soon be sending the application to members with the changes reflected on it and feedback will be received before February's meeting. A formal call for projects will be made on February 12th at the next RPA meeting.

3. FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule and Program Development: (Information)

The TPMS will be complete by April 15th and the draft TIP will be done in May. The final TIP is set for June and will go into effect October 1, 2016. The call for projects will be made at the February meeting with the new application as the framework incorporating any feedback received. The TAP call for projects is in process and is due in February. Helgerson said if a project isn't in the TIP, please submit a new request.

4. Additional Business: (Information)

Mayberry said with the change of meeting days from Wednesday to Friday, it's been difficult to have a quorum. It was decided to put the topic on the agenda for discussion at the February meeting.

5. Next Meeting: (Information)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12th, at 11:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment: (Action)

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

MOTION by Crouch, SECOND by Struble to adjourn the meeting.