

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee

Minutes of May 11, 2016 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Dan Ahart, Shelby County, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Richard Crouch
Russell Kurth
Charles Parkhurst

Mills County Supervisor
Harrison County Supervisor
Shelby County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Daniel Ahart
Perry Cook
John Rasmussen
Steve Struble

Shelby County Engineer
City of Glenwood
Pottawattamie County Engineer
Harrison County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Scott Suhr
Mike Helgerson
Matt Roth

Iowa Department of Transportation
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
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1. Approval of the Agenda and of the Minutes: (Action)

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Final FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): (Action)

Roth told the Committees the final TPWP was submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for comments. There were language updates with clarification of fiscal year activities but the budget remained unchanged. Among the changes are: Page 7 of the document under Iowa Regional Transportation Planning: 463 – Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) / Short-Range Planning to clarify activities under the Work Activities and Page 11, “Products” was added under 468 – RPA Related Association Participation.

Suhr noted this is the last year for the Pottawattamie County Transportation Master Plan and Helgerson said it was submitted as ending Q2 of the next calendar year.

Helgerson said a placeholder of \$14,000 has been put in the budget for the Pottawattamie County Transportation Master Plan as a specific project hasn't been named yet. This was in response to a question at April's meeting.

This final TPWP will be in effect October 1, 2016.

MOTION by Struble, SECOND by Crouch, to approve the Final FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program.

MOTION PASSED.

3. FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (TIP): (Action)

Helgerson said there are three changes on the TIP:

- Glenwood's STP funding project – overall increase of \$40,000 in federal aid to \$661,000
- Mills County Bridge Project – new project amount of \$480,000
- Highway Safety Improvement Program project for the State of Iowa - \$1.9 project on I-29

MOTION by Crouch, SECOND by Parkhurst, to approve the Draft FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

MOTION PASSED.

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

Helgerson said the state projects will be in next week to then roll into the TIP with changes that have been submitted. The draft document will be presented at the June meeting. It will then go to the state and federal partners with the final document to be done in July.

5. Additional Business: (Information)

Suhr said in District 4 the district engineer's position remains open. Dan Redmond is the new district construction engineer and his former position of materials engineer is open. He also said the Iowa DOT budget has been reduced.

At the April meeting, Ahart said there was discussion about the balance that's being carried on projects and moving projects ahead. In particular, there was a project in Mills County. He said he could move two projects forward from Shelby County with a total of \$1.3 million of federal funding and was concerned about the carry over amount. A decision will be made at the June's meeting about the projects.

Harlan will soon have a new city manager with the upcoming retirement of Terry Cox on June 30, 2016.

6. Next Meeting: (Information)

The next meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees is scheduled for June 8th at 11:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment: (Information)

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.