

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee
Minutes of April 8, 2020 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on April 8, 2020 virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The meeting was held in compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Act. Charles Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Charles Parkhurst
Ron Kohn
John Rasmussen
Steven Struble

Shelby County Supervisor
Glenwood Mayor
Pottawattamie County
Harrison County

Technical Committee

Steven Struble
Cory Gaston
Brandon Burmeister
John Rasmussen
Perry Cook

Harrison County Engineer
Mills County Engineer
Shelby County Engineer
Pottawattamie County Engineer
Glenwood Public Works

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Michael Helgerson
Travis Halm
James Boerner
Scott Suhr

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
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Iowa Department of Transportation

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Struble

SECOND by Rasmussen

2. Approval of Minutes

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes.

Gene Gettys requested an edit to the roster and to add one change to Item 3, Page 2, that the item was not for lighting, but for signage.

MOTION by Rasmussen to approve with noted change.

SECOND by Struble

3. 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:

Travis Halm added that a TIP Amendment for a TAP Project along the Pottawattamie County trail. Iowa DOT required Pottawattamie County Conservation to specify on the map in new TPMS which specific location they'd be placing a trail.

Halm stated this was a simple process change to ensure the proper location in TPMS

MOTION by Rasmussen

SECOND by Kohn

4. FY2021 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program

Travis Halm noted that the Agenda stated FY2020 and it was to be FY 2021.

Michael Helgerson laid out the 2021 Transportation Planning Work Program Draft. Helgerson stated that this document laid out the work elements of the RPA for the fiscal year of 2021.

Helgerson added that some high level work items include pavement tracking work, coordination with Heartland 2050 & Connect GO, professional development and workshops for Iowa DOT and MAPA staff, Transportation Management/admin of the RPA program, along with other programs including dues for aerial photography.

MOTION by Rasmussen

SECOND by Struble

MOTION PASSES BY ROLL CALL VOTE

5. Additional Business

Mark Lander noted that travel numbers on SWITA routes is noticeably lower during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Scott Suhr added that automobile traffic is way down, however truck traffic remains the same.

6. Next Meeting: (Information)

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for May 13 at 11:00am. Details are still pending.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17.