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RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee

Minutes of June 9, 2021 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on June 9, 2021 at the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency in Omaha, Nebraska. The meeting was held in compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Act. Charles Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Charles Parkhurst
John Rasmussen
Richard Crouch

Shelby County Supervisor
Pottawattamie County
Mills County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Brandon Burmeister
John Rasmussen
Steven Struble
Cory Gaston

Shelby County Engineer
Pottawattamie County Engineer
Harrison County Engineer
Mills County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Travis Halm
Michael Helgerson (via phone)
Scott Suhr

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
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Iowa Department of Transportation

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Rasmussen

SECOND by Crouch

MOTION PASSES

2. Approval of Virtual Items

Travis Halm, MAPA presented a list of approval items from virtual meetings during the pandemic. Halm noted that legal advice had suggested MAPA perform this action to ratify any items moved on virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michael Helgerson added that this was a preventative step which was suggested by legal staff of MAPA to ensure all items met constitutionality, and that the issue was more of a Nebraska issue than an Iowa one, however MAPA wanted to perform this action across all boards and committees to completely approve all items in person.

John Rasmussen, Pottawattamie County, noted that he was hesitant to move on this item.

MOTION by Crouch

SECOND by Gaston

MOTION PASSES

3. Approval of Minutes

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes from May 12, 2021, with one correction from Gene Gettys.

Gaston added that he was in the meeting and needed to be added.

MOTION by Burmeister with corrections

SECOND by Rasmussen

MOTION PASSES

4. STBG-TAP Changes

Travis Halm, MAPA presented a spreadsheet of TAP funding. Due to the Elk Horn trail being let, there is a crunch of items of getting the next three projects through.

Halm presented a proposed programming to allow the most money programmed as early as possible, despite all three projects still having numerous federal approval hurdles prior to letting.

Halm added that Pottawattamie Conservation, Mills County and Glenwood have all been comprised of this recommendation.

Halm presented a proposed funding scenario:

Pottawattamie County Trail (TPMS #26699) : \$200,000 in 2022.
East Sharp Trail – Glenwood (TPMS #39439): \$113,000 in 2023.
Mills County Trail (TPMS 38389): \$72,000 in 2024

Halm added that he has notified all parties that all three project managers know this can be amended if a project moves ahead in the federal aid process.

John Rasmussen inquired whether this was a TIP amendment or only an update to the table. Halm confirmed it was to be a TIP Amendment for the FY2022 TIP so that the Draft 2022 TIP could be fiscally constrained.

MOTION by Burmeister

SECOND by Rasmussen

MOTION PASSES

5. Draf RPA-18 FY2022 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Travis Halm, MAPA presented the draft RPA-18 FY2022 Draft TIP.

Halm added that no major narrative items have changed from FY2021, other than contact changes. Halm also noted that the programming was the same as the March STBG

programming, except one project from Pottawattamie County – Highway G30, was moved back from 2024 to 2025.

Helgerson added that with approval, this item will go to federal partners for review and a public comment period.

MOTION by Burmeister

SECOND by Rasmussen

MOTION PASSES

6. Additional Business

Travis Halm added that a list of local projects needed a few updates.

Halm also added that Greg Youell would be leaving at the end of July as Director of MAPA.

7. Next Meeting: (Information)

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at the MAPA offices.

Halm added that the Draft TIP would be up for approval during the June meeting.

8. Adjournment:

MOTION by Rasmussen

Second by Struble

Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.