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**RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee**

Minutes of October 20, 2021 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on October 20, 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 11:00am.

**PRESENT**

**Policy Committee**

Charles Parkhurst  
John Rasmussen  
Jacob Ferro  
Steven Struble

Shelby County Supervisor  
Pottawattamie County\*  
Mills County  
Harrison County\*

**Technical Committee**

Brandon Burmeister  
John Rasmussen  
Jacob Ferro  
Steven Struble  
Ron Kohn  
Jamey Clark

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

**Staff/Non-Voting Members**

Michael Helgerson  
Travis Halm  
Scott Suhr

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency  
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency  
Iowa Department of Transportation – District 4

*\*Represents counties which allow Technical Committee members to serve on the Policy Committee*

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Charles Parkhurst proposed moving Agenda Item 5 to Item 3.

MOTION by Kohn

SECOND by Rasmussen

MOTION PASSES

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes from July 14, 2021 with one correction

MOTION by Burmeister

SECOND by Struble

MOTION PASSES

### **3. STBG and TAP Call for Projects**

Travis Halm, MAPA presented applications for STBG-SWAP and TAP Funding for FY 2023 in preparation of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Halm added that the due date for applications would be February 28, 2022.

MOTION by Struble to open the call for projects

SECOND by Burmeister

MOTION PASSES

### **4. Civil Rights Plan**

Michael Helgerson, MAPA, presented the MAPA/RPA-18 Civil Rights Plan.

MOTION by Struble for one month to review and vote by email

SECOND by Rasmussen

MOTION PASSES

### **5. Regional Funding Status and Targets**

(Item moved to 3)

Travis Halm presented new numbers for FY2022 per October 2021 Iowa DOT updates. Halm added that all projects programmed in the previous TIP had been authorized as planned. Halm also noted that these numbers are likely to change if the infrastructure bill passes in Washington in coming weeks or months.

MOTION to approve update by Struble

SECOND by Burmeister

MOTION PASSES

## **6. 2022 Meeting Calendar**

Travis Halm presented six proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2022: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13 and October 12. Halm added that there were six other meeting dates where meetings could be placed if necessary for TIP amendments.

MOTION to approve by Rasmussen

SECOND by Kohn

MOTION PASSES

## **7. RPA-18 Planning Review**

Travis Halm stated that MAPA staff would take part in a planning review by Iowa DOT. Halm presented the questionnaire prepared by Iowa DOT.

Helgerson added that this process is done every three years and is often an open conversation to discuss RPA processes both locally and statewide.

## **8. 2020 Census Data**

Michael Helgerson presented a map of 2020 census data showing areas of population growth and decline within the RPA-18 region. Helgerson added that regional equity calculations would be determined based upon population changes which were calculated in this most recent census.

## **9. Additional Business**

Travis Halm welcomed Jacob Ferro, the new Mills County Engineer. Jacob had previously worked at Pottawattamie County in their Engineer Office.

## **10. Next Meeting: (Information)**

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for March 9, 2022 at the MAPA offices if a TIP Amendment is needed. Otherwise, the next meeting would take place in the fall, October or November.

### **Adjournment:**

MOTION by Rasmussen

Second by Struble

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.