

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting
Thursday May 28th, 2020

Policy Board Members Present:

Jim Morlan
Tom Lazio
Wayne Huit
Deke Wood

Steve Wanders
Dale House
Lee Dimmit
Mike Schrock

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15

Call to Order. Lazio called the Policy Board to order at 11:31am.

Electronic meeting statement. The RPA is holding this meeting by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. As a result of community spread in the State of Iowa and the State Public Health Emergency Declaration Issued on March 20th, 2020. As a result of community spread in the state and guidance from the CDC and IDPH it is impractical for the RPA to meet in person. Therefore, this meeting is being held by conference call. It is open to the public and the public can call in and join by conference call. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4

Minutes. The minutes from the April 23rd, 2020 meeting were reviewed . House made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Huit seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed.

Public Hearing, TIP Amendments. Public hearing opened at 11:33am

- a. **City of Oskaloosa.** Kukla presented Oskaloosa’s request to add an illustrative project totaling \$950,000 and currently includes no funding. Project is a Planning and Environmental Linkage and Environmental Assessment for possible connectors on the east side of Oskaloosa, SE connector between IA 163 and IA 92 and NE connector between IA 92 and US 63. Project is for a BUILD grant application and will be amended if the application is approved.
- b. **City of Ottumwa.** Kukla presented Ottumwa’s request to add an illustrative project totaling \$18,161,865 and currently includes no funding. Project includes bus and rail improvements, complete streets, parking, water/sewer and a trail connection. Project is for a BUILD grant application and will be amended if the application is approved.

Dimmit made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:35am, House seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Dimmit made a motion to approve both Oskaloosa’s and Ottumwa’s amendments, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Public Hearing, 2021 Transportation Planning Work Program. Public hearing opened at 11:37am. Kukla presented the 2021 Transportation Planning Work program.

Dimmit made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:41am, House seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

Dimmit made a motion to approve the 2021 Transportation Planning Work Program, Huit seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.

Dimmit said that Jefferson County is finishing the Packwood Road, Pleasant Plain Road and Vetch Ave projects. Wood said Keokuk County is wrapping up the grading and seeding on the Belva Deer trail project.

Next Meeting. June 25th, 2020

Adjourn. Dimmit made a motion to adjourn. Huit seconded the motion at 11:45. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Chris Kukla, Area 15 RPC