

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2026
11:00AM
612 S Madison Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501

Policy Board Members Present:

Daryl Wood
Lee Dimmit
Ben Foote
Dale House
Shawn Mecalf

Steve Wanders
Bryan Ziegler
Dale House
Doug Reinert

Others Present

Hector Hernandez-Morales – RPA 15

Call to Order. House called the Policy Board to order at 11:02AM

Action Items

Approve Minutes of June 25, 2026, Policy Board Meeting. Minutes approved as issued. All aye, motion approved.

Public Hearing, Review, and adopt the Regional Trail Plan 2026 – Hernandez-Morales stated that the public comment period was open from July 13 to August 26. Two public comments were received prior to or during the meeting: one from Steve Pedrick of French-Reneker-Associates and one from Megan Muse, City Clerk of Farmington. The comments were added to the public comments section at the end of the Regional Trail Plan. Corrections were made to reflect the public comments. There being no further public comments, Hernandez-Morales closed the public hearing

Hernandez-Morales presented the Regional Trail Plan 2026. The Regional Trail Plan addresses shared roads, multi-use trails, and water trails to assist with obtaining regional, state, and federal funding sources. Hernandez-Morales stated that several changes were made, including a survey of key stakeholders, a SWOT analysis for each county, and the addition of implementation strategies.

House made the motion to approve and adopt the Regional Trail Plan 2026. Foote seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. Hernandez-Morales has been working with the city of Ottumwa to secure REAP funds for the West Levee Project which was awarded for Fiscal Year 2027 for RPA 15 TAP funds.

Next Meeting. No scheduled meeting will reach out if any amendments are submitted or IDOT plans need to be updated.

Adjourn. With no further business to discuss it with the Board adjourned at 11:35AM

Hector Hernandez-Morales, Area 15 RPC