

Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TAC Committee Members Present:

Jeff Skalberg  
Sean Murphy  
DeWayne Heintz  
Andrew McGuire  
Larry Seals

Dave Sedivec  
Shawn Morrissey  
Kim Steele-Blair  
Ryne Thornburg  
Melanie Carlson  
Ashley Utt

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15  
Rebecca Leer-Keswick  
Ken Roethler-Garden Assoc  
Matt Walker-French Reneker

Hector Torres-Cacho-IDOT  
Mark Zettergren-Keswick  
Angie Alderson-Sigourney  
Stephen Pedrick-French Reneker

**Call to Order.** Skalberg called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**Action Items**

**Nomination of a Chair, Vice Chair.** Skalberg nominated Thornburg for Chair, Heintz Vice Chair. All present voted aye; motion approved.

**Review of the minutes.** Skalberg made a motion to approve the minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, Sedivec seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

**Review, score and take action on TAP applications.**

- a. **Jefferson County.** Requesting \$576,000 in TAP funds to pave the Cedar View Trail in FY26.
- b. **Keosauqua.** Requesting \$476,840 in funding to construct accessible boat launch on the lower Des Moines River Water Trail in FY24.
- c. **Ottumwa.** Requesting \$654,171 in funding to construct the Oxbow Lagoon trail in FY25.

All three projects scored over 60 and are eligible for funding. It was asked how much funding was available, Kukla explained the RPA has a balance of \$956,053 through FY26 and can spend up to that amount. An individual project can spend ahead within the four years but the RPA cannot spend past the \$956k. The RPA can fund 1-2 projects if it funded Keosauqua at 50% and recommended that it apply to the State for the remaining 30%.

Skalberg asked about splitting the funds between the three projects. Kukla cautioned against this as the projects would not be fully funded and when done in the past projects were not able to find other funding and came back to the RPA multiple times for additional funds. It was asked whether the RPA could limit applicants to find other funds, stipulate they not come back for additional funds. McGuire liked the idea of dividing funds among projects, saying they are all good projects. Kukla cautioned that IDOT limits how much of a TAP balance the region can have, if none of these projects moves to authorization and money comes back to region between existing funds and additional new funds RPA may have too high balance and have to forfeit funds.

McGuire made a motion to recommend splitting the \$956,053 evenly between the three applications, Carlson seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Skalberg made a motion recommending that the applicants report back May 2024 on the status of their progress in securing other funds, or ability to reduce scope, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

**Review and take action on STBG applications.**

- a. **Keswick.** Requesting \$400,000 in funding in FY25 for North Irons Street from the NCL to 800 ft South.
- b. **Sigourney.** Requesting \$400,000 in funding in FY25 for E Pleasant Valley from Hwy 149 to Pershing Blvd.

Heintz made a motion to recommend Keswick for funding and not recommend Sigourney, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- c. **Fairfield.** Requesting \$140,000 in funding in FY23 for E Burlington Ave over Crow Creek.

Thornburg made a motion to recommend Fairfield for funding, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- d. **Jefferson Co.** Requesting \$2,080,000 in funding for FY26 for W40 from 150<sup>th</sup> to Vetch Blvd.

Skalberg made a motion recommend Jefferson Co for funding, Murphy seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- e. **Mahaska Co.** Requesting \$1,557,000 in funding in FY26 for G29 from Hickory Ave to Oxford Ave.

Skalberg made a motion to recommend Mahaska Co for funding, Sedivec seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

**Review Items**

**Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.** Skalberg said the county may have to change the project it has programmed in FY25 due to IIJA and changes from SWAP to FA.

Seals said the city had finished E Main project.

**Other**

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 11:09am.