

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting
Thursday January 22nd, 2026
11:00 AM
612 S Madison Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501

Policy Board Members Present:

Daryl Wood	Steve Wanders
Lee Dimmit	Bryan Ziegler
Ben Foote	Dale House
Dale House	Shawn Metacalf
Doug Reinert	

Others Present

Hector Hernandez-Morales – RPA 15

Call to Order. Hernandez-Morales called the Policy Board to order at 11:25am.

Action Items

Approve Minutes. Minutes approved as issued. All aye, motion approved.

Elections of Officers—Select a Chair and Vice Chair. Wood made the motion to keep the existing Chair and Vice Chair. Dale seconded the motion. All Aye, motion carried.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Revisions.

Mahaska County—G29 West PCC Overlay TIP 47195—Hernandez presented the information. The project is from g29 from US63 to 260 ft West of Hickory Ave. The g29 West Overlay project distance is 3.4 miles. The amount received from state funds is \$400,000, \$2,600,000 from local match brings the total project cost of \$3,000,000. The amendment was recommended by Technical Advisory Committee on January 14, 2026. Amendment revisions are required when adding a new project to the STIP/TIP FFY 2026. Wood made the motion approved. seconded the motion. All Aye, motion carried.

10-15 Transit- TIP 12072, 12073, and 12074 Van Replacement— This item is an amendment to add new federal-aid projects for FFY 2025–FFY 2026. Funding is provided through Section 5339. Each TIP project carries its own individual cost; however, collectively, other federal funds will increase from \$73,189 to \$91,970, with the local match increasing from \$12,916 to \$16,230. The total combined project cost will increase from \$86,105 to \$108,200. This amendment was reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee as a single action covering all three TIP projects. Dimmit made the motion to approve the three TIP projects 12072, 12073, and 12074 amendments. Ziegler seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

Other

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. Hernandez-Morales mentioned that Jefferson County Conservation is considering applying this year, for Cedar View Paving project. Applications for STBG and TAP are due on April 1st. Ziegler and Dimmit suggested collaborating with water trail project. Hernandez mentioned a Water Trail project is in the works in Mahaska estimated to cost \$400,000.

Regional Trails Plan for Area 15 RPC—Community Input/Survey has section- is currently being worked with each county, Mahaska has completed the first SWOT analysis. Hernandez asked board members to take the Stakeholders the surveys.

STRIDE plan—Small Town Rural Improvement Development and Enhancement (STRIDE)—Application process has been awarded to New Sharon and process will began next month.

IDOT Project for RPA 15—Projects coming next month will be TPWP annual update and followed by TIP annual update.

Next Meeting. To be determined.

Adjourn. With no further business to discuss the Board adjourned at 11:55AM.

Hector Hernandez-Morales, Area 15 RPC