

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting
Thursday April 23th, 2020

Policy Board Members Present:

Steve Wanders
Wayne Huit
Deke Wood
Dale House

Lee Dimmit
Mike Schrock
Aaron Kooiker

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15

Call to Order. Dimmit 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 October 24th 2019 meeting were reviewed . Huit made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; House seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed.

Election of Officers. House made a motion to keep Lazio as Chair, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed. Dimmit made a motion to nominate House as vice chair, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed.

Review/Approve STBG/SWAP Applications.

- a. **10-15 Transit.** Kukla presented 10-15's request for a total of \$176,000 to replace four buses in FFY21. The buses to be replaced are 151, 102, 152 and 156. Funds would be from 10-15's sub-allocation. TAC recommended approval.

Dimmit made a motion to approve 10-15's request, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- b. **Farmington.** Kukla presented Farmington's request for 362.650 in FFY21 for the reconstruction and resurfacing of 0.28 miles of Olive Street, from Hwy 2 to ECL. Funds would be from the Special Project's sub allocation. Already spent ahead and in the negative on Special projects due to previous project commitments. TAC recommended denying funding due to negative Special Projects balance.

Question was asked if city could re-apply, and whether city would be first in line for available funding. Kukla responded that city could re-apply next year that more funding may be available due to previous commitments closing out, if city re-applied it would compete with other cities that submitted applications at the time.

Question was asked about previous award to What Cheer if it was made when funding was available. Kukla responded that funding was available when the award was made.

Question if there was no funding available for all the remaining applications. Kukla responded that the RPA sub-allocates and there is no funding in Special Projects, so no funding for Farmington or Keswick's request, there is funding for Jefferson Co and Van Buren Co's request as they have their own allocation.

Dimmit made a motion to deny Farmington's request due to lack of funds, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- c. **Keswick.** Kukla presented Keswick's request for \$960,760 in FFY21 for the reconstruction of Irons Street from Churchill St to the NCL. Funds would be from the Special Project's sub allocation. Already spent ahead and in the negative on Special projects due to previous project commitments. TAC recommended denying funding due to negative Special Projects balance.

Wood made a motion to deny Keswick's request due to lack of funds, Dimmit seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- d. **Jefferson County.** Kukla presented Jefferson County's request for \$430,000 in FFY21 for an HMA overly on 1.14 miles of 32nd Street (H33) from Jackpine Loop to Libertyville Road. Project includes \$220,000 from the W40 150th to Washington Co Line and is currently in the STIP that will be removed. Funds would be from Jefferson County's sub allocation. TAC recommended approval.

Dimmit made a motion to approve Jefferson County's request, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- e. **Van Buren County.** Kukla presented Van Buren County's request for \$1,900,000 in FFY22 for the resurfacing of 5.7 miles of J40 from the Davis Co line to V64. If Funds would be from Van Buren County's sub allocation. TAC recommended approval.

Dimmit made a motion to approve Van Buren County's request, House seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review/approve TAP Applications. No TAP applications were submitted.

Discuss changes to the Pavement Management Program. Kukla presented info on how Iowa DOT is changing the frequency of pavement data collection for secondary and local roads from two to four years, but giving the region the option to "buy in" and continue to have data collected every two years. Noted that the TAC discussed this and several reps indicated they use the data as a secondary source but are fine with it being collected every four years. The TAC would like to hear from other members of their group who were not able to participate in the meeting and tabled recommendation until June.

Dimmit made a motion to table until TAC's recommendation, Huit seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.

Dimmit noted that Norris Asphalt had started work on Vetch Road in Jefferson County and work would be starting on Germanville Rd, Brookville Rd in the next month. Also asked if other counties had experience with the Amish community and having them contribute/assist with projects.

Wood said that the Belva Deer trail project was underway with paving and that paving was starting on W15.

Next Meeting. May 28th, 2020.

Adjourn. Dimmit made a motion to adjourn, Wood seconded the motion at 12:08pm. All present voted aye; motion approved.

