

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting  
Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Policy Board Members Present:

Mike Schrock	Dale House
Aaron Kookier	Daryl Wood
Steve Wanders	Wayne Huit
Lee Dimmit	Tom Lazio

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15

**Call to Order.** Lazio called the Policy Board to order at 11:32am.

**Electronic meeting statement.** The RPA is providing access to 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As a result of community spread and the guidance from the CDC and IDPH the RPA is limiting the number of participants at the location to provide the six-foot distancing. The public may participate in this meeting through conference call or computer. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4

**Minutes.** The minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were reviewed . House made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Dimmit seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed.

**1. Review/Approve amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP.**

- a. Iowa DNR.** Requesting to add a Federal Rec Trails award to the TIP for Mahaska County. Project will replace four bridges and a culvert at Bluff Creek OHV Park.. Total cost is \$408,200, FRT award is \$326,560.

Dimmit made a motion to approve the DNR amendment, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

- b. Jefferson County.** Requesting to move the 257<sup>th</sup> St bridge, TPMS # 36328 into the 2021 TIP. Project includes \$273,100 in federal aid and \$226,900 in SWAP funding, funding levels are not changing.

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

- c. Wapello County.** Requesting to move the 28<sup>th</sup> St bridge over Chippewa Creek, TPMS # 29233, into the 2021 TIP. Project includes \$95,585 in federal aid and \$79,415 in SWAP funds, funding levels are not changing.

- d. Wapello County.** Requesting to move the 215<sup>th</sup> Ave over Bear Creek, TPMS # 37569, into the 2021 TIP. Project includes \$204,825 in federal aid and \$170,175 in SWAP funding, funding levels are not changing.

Dimmit made a motion to approve both Wapello County items c and d, Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

- e. Keokuk County.** Requesting to move the G29 project from Mahaska Co line to IA 21, TPMS # 35815, from FY 22 to 21. Co is also requesting to increase SWAP funding by \$400,000, this will increase project from \$1,500,000 to \$1,900,000.

Kukla noted that Keokuk County will be spent 6 years ahead, farthest anyone has borrowed ahead, and RPA will only have a balance of \$16k in FY21. This could be a problem if final allocation is less than target.

Dimmit asked if the TAC had any questions and about the ability to remove funds from the project. Kukla responded that it was discussed by the TAC and funding can be removed from the project prior to letting without issue, after letting that would need to be discussed with IDOT. Letting is scheduled for December, final allocations for FY21 will not be until January/February. Schrock asked if the RPA had any limits on how far a city/county could borrow ahead, could an entity borrow 10 years ahead. Kukla replied no, there were no limits it was up to board approval, he hoped that the board would not approve any entity borrowing 10 years ahead as that seemed excessive. Lazio asked to have a borrow limit on the agenda for a future meeting.

Wood made a motion to approve Keokuk County's request, Dimmit seconded the motion. Six present voted aye one nay (Schrock), motion approved.

- 2. Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.** Project sponsors may provide status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.

There were no status updates on projects.

- 3. Next Meeting.** To be determined.
- 4. Adjourn.** House made a motion to adjourn at 11:46am, Dimmit seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.