

**MINUTES**  
**RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING**

**November 10, 2015**  
**The Office, 112 N. Main, Lenox, Iowa**  
**2:16 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Dredge called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. at The Office in Lenox, Iowa.

**II. Roll Call of Policy Board, Technical Committee and Guests**

The following people were present:

**Policy Board**

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Merlin Dixon
Ringgold County	Royce Dredge
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Lois Monday

**Technical Committee**

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Ringgold County	Zachary Gunsolley
Union County	Steve Akes
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Non-Voting/Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

**Administrative**

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

Guests included: Gary Lybarger of Creston; Bill Henderson, Di Maharry, Marti Cordell, representing Lenox; Ryan Billheimer, Clint Fichter, and John Larsen, representing Adair.

**III. Additions to the Agenda**

Dredge inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. Upon hearing none, Twombly moved to accept and approve the agenda. Monday seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Approval of the July 14, 2015 Minutes**

Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Monday seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **V. Action Items**

##### **A. Resolution Approving RPA 14/ATURA FTA Title VI Program 2015**

Nardy explained the Federally required Title VI Program is designed to protect civil rights and prevent discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal assistance. The program outlines ATURA's compliance with these policies when handling transportation issues and the needs of minorities and those with low incomes.

Ambrose moved to approve and adopt the RPA 14/ATURA FTA Title VI Program 2015. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

##### **B. Transportation Alternatives Program Applications**

The policy board reviewed the Technical Committee's scoring on the following TAP applications:

1. **City of Lenox** - \$150,481 Application for sidewalk project - **received 120 points.**
2. **City of Adair** - \$250,000 Application for rehabilitation of historic 5<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge - **received 139 points.**

Nardy informed the policy board there are enough TAP funds to fund both applications if approved.

The City of Lenox is requesting TAP funds to build an extension to an existing trail, which begins at the depot and heads south. Since the original trail was laid, the school has expanded, along with the rodeo grounds, the community center, and the sports complex. Lenox proposes to circle around these facilities with a 1.3-mile extension to the existing hard surface trail. They believe the extension would be a great attribute to their growing community.

Twombly moved to **approve the City of Lenox \$150,481 TAP Application** for funding a sidewalk project. Monday seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The City of Adair is requesting TAP funds for rehabilitation of the historic 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Built in 1923, it is a double spandrel bridge that provides a vital transportation link for the city of Adair. This project is already receiving a \$1,000,000 grant from the City Bridge Fund and \$89,600 in regional STP funds. It has already gone to bid once and plans are to re-bid next week. The city representatives agreed to revise the application budget to more accurately reflect the anticipated costs and to reflect the scenic and historic category of the bridge project.

Ambrose moved to **approve funding of up to \$250,000 in regional TAP funds for the City of Adair’s rehabilitation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, contingent upon the City of Adair first contributing \$400,000 in local funds to this project.** Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. Public Hearing – Amendment to the RPA 14/ATURA FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program** by adding regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to City of Adair historic bridge rehabilitation project BHM-22(603)—8K-01 (TPMS#17198), 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

Dredge announced it was time to open the public hearing at 2:21 p.m. Twombly moved to open the public hearing. Ambrose seconded the motion. This amendment is to add up to \$250,000 in TAP funds to the Adair bridge rehabilitation project BHM-22(603)—8K-01 (TPMS#17198), 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

Nardy has not received any other oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No comments were made during the hearing. Twombly moved and Ambrose seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 2:23p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

- D. Resolution Amending the RPA 14/ATURA FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),** by adding up to \$250,000 in regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to City of Adair historic bridge rehabilitation project BHM-22(603)—8K-01 (TPMS#17198), 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

Dixon moved to approve this Resolution Amending the RPA 14/ATURA FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **A. Technical Committee**

Kauffman reported Adair County’s STP project south of Fontanelle is complete. The BROS project in Jefferson Township is almost finished. The County has begun another project south of Stuart.

Rike informed the board the Adams County bridge project is almost complete. Taylor County has two BR projects with lettings in November and December.

Gunsolley stated the Ringgold County ER project’s low bid was \$667,000, well under the projected amount of \$1.1 million. Work should begin after Thanksgiving with anticipated completion by the end of December.

Akes reported Union County has one bridge with preliminary design done and letting anticipated by the end of 2016.

Kruse reported the City of Creston Adams Street Bridge project is under design with letting this spring and construction later in the year.

**B. Southern Iowa Trolley**

Lester reported on the status of the funds owed by Chariton Valley to the DOT. As a result of the proposed settlement, the Southern Iowa Trolley anticipates receiving \$56,000 towards the purchase of a vehicle for use in Clarke and Decatur counties.

**C. SICOG**

Nardy reminded the policy board and technical committee that STP applications are due January 1, 2016. This pertains to any counties, cities, or transit that want to apply. Any new project added to the TIP needs an STP application completed.

**VII. Informational Items**

There were no additional informational items.

**VIII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016 in Union County.

**IX. Adjournment**

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Monday seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date