

# MINUTES

## RPA 14 / ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
Community Center, Corning, Iowa  
1:30 p.m.

### I. Call to Order:

Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. at the Community Center, Corning, 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	Lyle Minnick
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley

#### Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Ringgold County	Travis Malone
Union County	Zachary Gunsolley
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr

#### Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Judy Brimm
SICOG	Timothy Ostroski

#### Visitors and Guests

Lenox Trail Group	Bill Henderson
Lenox Trail Group	Marti Cordell
Lenox City Council	Nick Custer
Lenox Resident	Debb Grout
Lenox Resident	Glenn Grout
Lenox Resident	John Chapman
Lenox Resident	David Ferris

### **III. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Riley moved to accept and approve the agenda. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **IV. Approval of July 18, 2017 Minutes**

Twombly moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **V. Action Items**

#### **A. Request for Additional Regional Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding from City of Lenox for Lenox Trail Project.**

Nardy summarized the project and the request for additional funding. Originally, the ATURA board approved providing funds in the amount of \$150,481. The bids came in higher than anticipated and they are now requesting an additional \$81,633 of TAP funds for a total of \$232,114.

Twombly moved to approve the request from the City of Lenox for an additional \$81,633 in TAP funds for the Lenox Trail Project. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **B. Public Hearing – Federal Funding for Transportation Project.**

Ambrose stated the public hearing is regarding increasing regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds programmed in FY 2018 for the Lenox Trail Project.

Ambrose moved to open the public hearing at 1:50 p.m. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

Dixon moved and Twombly seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 1:53 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **C. Resolution Amending the Final RPA 14 / ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by increasing TAP funding programmed in FY 2018 for the Lenox Trail Project.**

Riley moved to approve and adopt the Resolution to amend the FY 2018 – 2021 RPA 14 / ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase funding for the Lenox Trail Project for an additional \$81,633. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. New TAP Application Process / Application Deadline Change**

Nardy reviewed the changes to the application process. These changes have been implemented by the Iowa DOT.

Nardy stated that in the past, applications were submitted and approved by the ATURA board and then submitted to Iowa DOT for approval. The new process is to send the applications to Iowa DOT for approval *prior* to the ATURA board approving the applications / projects.

Nardy suggested changing the TAP deadlines from the second Tuesdays in October and April to September 15 and March 15 to allow time for Iowa DOT review and approval.

Discussion followed and it was the consensus of the members to approve the application deadline changes as recommended (September 15 and March 15).

**E. Membership of the RPA 14 / ATURA Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board.**

Nardy informed the members that the Iowa DOT has requested that RPA 14 / ATURA discuss expanding it's Transportation Technical Committee and/or Policy Board to include representatives from entities other than just counties, such as trail groups, conservation groups, transit agencies, small towns, etc.

Discussion followed.

Twombly moved and Riley seconded the motion to add the Southern Iowa Trolley to the Technical Committee only as a voting member. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nardy stated that a change in the by-laws would be required and she would place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. Technical Committee (comments/ updates)**

Kauffman reported that the BROS project in Adair County has been completed.

Malone reported for Ringgold County. They have two (2) BRS projects (box culverts) under construction and have a bid letting with Taylor County scheduled in December for a truss bridge project.

Gunsolley reported for Union County. They have approximately \$6 million in asphalt projects scheduled for next summer (2018) and ~\$ 4

million will be paid with farm-to-market funds and \$2 million will be bonded for.

Kruse stated the Adams Street Bridge near McKinley Park in Creston has been completed and is open for traffic.

**B. Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT) (comments / updates)**

Nardy read an email from Lester providing update for the SIT. They have added drivers and routes in the Bedford area. They may be adding additional routes to Maryville, Clarinda or Corning in the near future for once a month shopping and or medical appointments.

Ambrose stated that Taylor County is very happy that the SIT has hired Taylor County residents as trolley drivers.

**C. Iowa DOT (comments / updates)**

Suhr provided background information and the current status of the bridge project in the City of Adair. Suhr stated that there have been huge delays and some of the costs are federally funded while other costs are not. When the Iowa DOT inquired about the additional funding required for the project, the city advisor stated that the city would just bond for the additional funds. Suhr feels that the city of Adair *might* approach ATURA for additional funds in the near future.

Suhr reported that the city of Corning may be considering applying for the Wellmark Healthy Cities incentive. Suhr said that a “walking audit” has been done on all of the sidewalks in town. Corning is also considering expanding their walking trail to other parts of the city. Several members discussed the ADA requirements and guidelines associated with sidewalk replacement. Suhr suggested partnering and utilizing available funding through Iowa DOT, ADA, Wellmark, city of Corning and ATURA TAP funds to make this project work. Suhr suggested this project could be programed for FY 2021-2022.

**D. SICOG (comments / updates)**

1. STBG Flex Funds (formerly TAP Flex) – credited to STBG (highway / bridge) balance.

Nardy commented that this was discussed earlier and there is no change, at this time.

2. Support for U.S. Highway 34 Conversion to four-lanes.

Suhr provided an update and Riley stated that he and Mike Taylor (city of Creston) are already attending these meetings. Riley stated

that he would be willing to continue to attend the meetings and that he would check with Taylor to see if he would attend also.

**VII. Informational Items**

SWAP – FYI

Nardy distributed copies of the information from the local road safety workshop. Nardy noted that this is still in the planning stages and nothing has been finalized, at this time. Nardy reviewed some of the major talking points.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018 in Adair County. Twombly stated that he will check about hosting the meeting in Bridgewater. Twombly will notify Nardy when the arrangements have been finalized.

**IX. Adjournment**

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date