

# MINUTES

## RPA 14 / ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
Primrose, Corning, Iowa  
1:30 p.m.

### I. Call to Order:

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. at the Primrose Restaurant, 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
Creston	Mike Taylor

#### Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams County	Travis Malone
Ringgold County	Don Staley
Taylor County	Trevor Wolf
Union County	Zachary Gunsolley
Creston	Kevin Kruse
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

#### Non-Voting

Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr
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#### Administrative

SICOG	Timothy Ostroski
SICOG	Judy Brimm

### III. Additions to the Agenda

Riley asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were no additions.

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Twombly moved to approve the agenda. Minnick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**IV. Approval of January 15, 2019 Minutes**

Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Action Items**

**A. Public Hearing 1:30 p.m.**

**1. Public Hearing – Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018  
Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Riley announced it was time to open the public hearing. Ambrose moved to open the public hearing at 2:09 p.m. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. This public hearing is in regards to federal spending proposed in the Final FY2020 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP).

Ostroski reported that he has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for these projects. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

Dixon moved to close the public hearing at 2:10 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution Approving Final FY2020 Transportation Planning  
Work Program (TPWP)**

Ambrose moved to approve the Resolution approving the Final FY2020 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Minnick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Adair County's request to borrow ahead and include in the  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ostroski summarized the discussion from the technical committee meeting and stated that the technical committee is recommending that the policy board approve Adair County's request to borrow ahead \$3.1 million in funds.

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Ostroski reported that the internal accounting for region-wide funding did not match the Iowa DOT reports. Ostroski reported that Brimm has reconciled the numbers and both reports are now in compliance. Ostroski reported that the requested amounts fit within our available funds and is within the fiscal constraints allowed by Iowa DOT. Ostroski stated that the request is for \$3.1 million however, the county will be using farm to market funds and therefore the STP funding request will be less.

Ambrose moved to approve including Adair County's request to borrow ahead an amount up to \$3.1 million in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Union County's STBG application for funding in 2022 to be include in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ostroski summarized the discussion from the technical committee meeting and stated that the technical committee is recommending approving Union County's STBG application for funding in 2022. Gunsolley stated that the funding request will be considerably less than the \$2.8 million projected for the total project. Gunsolley stated that they will be using 50% farm to market funding to help pay for this project.

Twombly moved to approve including Union County's application request for funding in an amount up to \$2.8 million in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Minnick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**VI. Discussion Items**

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

Kauffman reported that a bridge project in Adair County will be let this summer.

Malone reported that they currently have no federal projects scheduled in Adams County.

Staley reported that they currently have no projects scheduled in Ringgold County.

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Wolf reported that they have a farm to market project in Taylor County and will have three (3) additional bridge projects next year.

Gunsolley reported that they will be micro-surfacing ~6 miles and sealcoating ~1.7 miles in Union County this year.

Kruse reported that they currently have no projects scheduled in Creston.

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

Lester reported that they ordered a bus last August and are still waiting to receive it. Lester stated that the last bus received had a leaking windshield and it had to be replaced.

Lester informed the members that one of their drivers is 82-years old and has resigned effective the end of the school year. Lester reported that they have hired one (1) additional driver and are looking to hire more. Lester commented that hiring qualified drivers is their biggest obstacle.

Lester reported that they will be ordering an additional six (6) buses in the near future and will be taking sealed bids for the sale of a 10-passenger bus.

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

Suhr reported that they are requesting public comment for a project in Ringgold County. Suhr stated that the notice should be in the Ringgold County paper this week or next week. The project is to replace a bridge on Hwy. 169 over the Middle Fork River.

Ostroski inquired about status of the rest area study. Suhr stated that he feels that the study has been completed. Suhr commented that originally the Iowa DOT goal was to have a rest area every 60 miles however, with all of the convenience stores that are available at many of the exits that is no longer a priority.

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

- 1) Title VI - Ostroski reported that the corrections have been made and submitted to Iowa DOT and we are waiting for Iowa DOT to review the document.
- 2) Southern Iowa Trolley and SICOG (Career Link) - Ostroski reported SICOG is working on completing the application for funding for an

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employee route from Creston to Lenox to assist Michael Foods.  
Ostroski stated that drivers are needed for this new route.

**VII. Informational Items**

Ostroski reported that ongoing discussions are taking place with Corning on a water line replacement along the highway (between the swimming pool and the park). This project may include sidewalk replacements at the same time. Ostroski stated that SICOG will be preparing a CDBG application this fall for the water line. Discussion followed that the work would probably take place in 2020 and everyone is working together to schedule the projects at the same time. A main concern is that Davis Bacon will apply to the CDBG portion of the project, therefore will it apply to the other parts of the project, too?

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

Ostroski commented that the next ATURA meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> in Adair County. Twombly will notify SICOG with the location for the meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. Minnick seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date