



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ways & Means Committee.....8:30 a.m., April 6, 2022
Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum) ...9:00 a.m., April 6, 2022

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience

Chairman Mike Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner	P	A	Commissioner	P	A
Mike Hughes Chillicothe		x	Leon Ricca Bartonville		X
Rita Ali City of Peoria.		X	Nate Parrott Morton		X
Patrick Ulrich City of Peoria	X		Barry Logan Woodford Co	X	
Rick Powers City of Peoria	X		Chuck Nagel, Woodford Co.	X	
Ron Talbot Creve Coeur	X		Andrew Rand, Peoria Co.	X	
John Kahl East Peoria.	X		Don White Peoria Co.	X	
Mike Hinrichsen, Germantown Hills	X		Russ Crawford Tazewell Co.	X	
Mike Phelan, Peoria Heights		X	Greg Menold, Tazewell Co.	X	
Mark Luft City of Pekin.		X	Sharon McBride CityLink		X
Gary Manier, Washington		X	Karen Dvorsky, IDOT		X
James Dillon West Peoria	x				

Present: Eric Miller, Rebecca Eisele, Ray Lees, Debbie Ulrich, Gabriel Guevara, Michael Bruner, Logan Chapman, and Reema Abi-Akar. Virtual staff: Britney West Also present: Brandon Geber- IDOT, Betsy Tracy- FHWA, and Tim Shelly- WCBU. Also present: Allison Montgomery

3. Public Input

Allison Montgomery, 1322 N. Main St., Washington, IL 61571 explained her concerns of her farm field being severely degraded due to poor design of the Cruger Rd. shared use path (West Cruger Recreational Trail)

- Don White suggested that Tri County Staff create a letter of concern of there issues to City of Washington and IDOT.

4. Motion to approve March 2, 2022, Commission minutes

John Kahl moved to approve March 2, 2022, Commission minutes and Patrick Urich seconded. Motion carried.

5. Chairman report- nothing to report

6. Executive Director report

- Eric Miller reported on the following:
 - A draft of FY23 budget will be brought for review at the next Commission meeting in May.
 - Working with Logan County on GIS services
- Ray Lees reported on the Bradley Ollie program.

7. Ways and Means Report

- a. Motion to approve February 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 22-43)
Greg Menold moved to approve February 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 22-43) and Ron Talbot seconded.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the following:

- End of month Operating cash was \$753k. Net cash increased in February by \$118k. Operating activities in February resulted in a net surplus of approximately \$5k.
- Accounts Receivable at the end of the month was \$208k. Of the A/R balance, \$135k was federal funds, \$41k was state funds, and \$33k was local funds.
- Accounts Payable at the end of the month was \$15k, there was \$4k in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of February. The remaining \$11k A/P balance included regular monthly bills, including health, dental, vision, and life insurances.
- Total Billings for February were \$77k, minus direct pass-throughs of \$10k which resulted in Operating Revenue of \$67k. February included 19 regular working days, and 1 paid holiday,
- Total Expenses for February were \$72k, minus direct pass-throughs of \$10k which resulted in Operating Expenses of \$62k.
- February ended with a net surplus of about \$5k, and FY22 has a year - to - date surplus of \$14k.

Motion carried.

8. Administration

- a. Motion to approve Planning Server Upgrades (Resolution 22-45)
Barry Logan moved to approve the Planning Server Upgrades (Resolution 22-45) and John Kahl seconded.

- Michael Bruner explained this is funded from IDOT FY20 State Metropolitan Planning Funds. There is \$20,000 budgeted and must be used by June 30, 2022. The reason for planner upgrade is we are approaching its lifetime expectancy and it utilizes operating system Microsoft will stop working. An RFP is expected to be released on Friday, April 8, 2022.

9. Planning

- a. Motion to approve the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (Resolution 22-44)

John Kahl moved to approve the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (Resolution 22-44) and Don White seconded.

- Michael Bruner explained this is a federally required document for MPO. It specifies the MPO work program and budget for FY23.
The timeline is you have to submit a draft FY23 Uniform Budget Template to IDOT by February 14, 2022. It was presented to Technical Committee in February 2022 and presented to Commission in March 2022. The Technical Committee recommended the adoption on March 16, 2022.
- Eric Miller explained the new Infrastructure Bill which includes housing issues and complete streets.
- Barry Logan asked if this is still invoiced to communities and Eric Miller said yes.
- Mike Hinrichsen said this is the Transportation Bill.

Motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve Bicycle Counting Equipment Purchase (Resolution 22-46)

Patrick Urich moved to approve Bicycle Counting Equipment Purchase (Resolution 22-46) and Ron Talbot seconded.

- Michael Bruner explained this is funded from IDOT Y20 State Metropolitan Planning Funds in the amount of \$5,000 and must be used by June 30, 2022. The reason for purchase is to accurately evaluate usage of existing walking and biking infrastructure. It evaluates warrants for additional pedestrian improvements. It is available for member agencies to out and to use. Staff is in the process of reviewing products and gathering quotes.
- Barry Logan pointed out on the resolution it states \$5,000 but in the last paragraph it is \$20,000. Patrick Urich agreed to change on Resolution to to \$5,000.
Motion carried.

- Don White asked what this and Michael Bruner is said cameras and sensors.

- c. FYs 2025-26 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Traditional Program

- Michael Bruner explained the timeline for the FYs 2025-26 Surface Transportation Block Grant. He said this is for reconstruction and new roadway projects. There is approximately \$6.56 million available. He then gave the timeline which begins on March 16, 2022, with Call for projects, April 2022 Application to staff, May 2022 Match resolution due to staff and presentations to Technical, June 2022 Subcommittee assigns Regional Significance scores, and staff assigns project Tiers, July 2022 Subcommittee makes recommendations to Technical and Technical develops recommendation to Commission. In August 2022 Commission makes final decision.

- August 17, 2022, Preservation Set- Aside Call for Project, this funding is estimated at \$1.64 million for Preservation Program.
- d. Discussion and Recommendation on the Hanna City Trail
- Eric Miller announced that Hanna City has lost the battle of this trail. He said they have pulled out.
 - Mike Hinrichsen said we should continue to put our shoulder behind this trail, it is important for people in this region. Need to find solutions for this to happen.
 - Andrew Rand explained there were too many what ifs.
 - Russ Crawford said that the Executive and Commission have supported this for several years.
 - Barry Logan added TCRPC is the business of planning not maintaining trails
 - Andrew Rand said they need to look for resources.
 - Greg Menold added this is disappointing
 - Mike Hinrichsen said to bring to Executive Board this month.

10. Updates

- Federal MPO Certification Review
Michael Bruner said this is MPO required to be certified by FHWA and FTA every 4 years.
 - Betsy Tracey- FHWA said review went well. Mike Hinrichsen added he was impressed of all subject matter discussed.
 - Michael Bruner said the Certification Report outlining recommendations is pending next month.
- Transportation Improvement Program FYs 2023-26
Michael Bruner reported this is a federally required document for MPO. It is a short-range plan with a four- year horizon. It specifies the transportation projects with federal funding within MPA. It typically is updated annually at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. The Technical Committee was notified, and the staff will update on current federal funded projects. The list of projects is expected to receive federal funds in FY 2023-26. The staff is exploring migrating the TIP to an online GIS web map.

Barry Logan left at 9:44 a.m.

- Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) program
Michael Bruner explained the Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) grant submission. There were four submitted Heart of Illinois Regional Port Master Plan- \$465,500; Aerial Photography for Logan, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties - \$321,088; Comprehensive Plans for 6 communities \$240,083; and Regional Pavement Management \$168,400. A decision should be made in the July timeframe.
- Strategic Planning
Eric Miller invited everyone to attend. This will be the first of 2 sessions. The first is April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Scottish Temple in Peoria. Public is invited. The second will be later with Commissioners only.
- Passenger Rail
Eric Miller said there will be a press conference later this month. Patrick Urich added they appreciated TCRPC help in this.
- IDOT

Brandon Geber- IDOT there is Open Meeting Act updates and suggests everyone take the test. He will send link to TCRPC, and they can forward onto you.

- FHWA

Betsy Tracy had nothing more to add.

11. Other

Patrick Urich encouraged everyone to get Statement of Interests completed.

12. Adjournment

John Kahl moved to adjourn, and Don White seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller

Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager