



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ways & Means Committee.....8:30 a.m., March 2, 2022
Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum) ...9:00 a.m., March 2, 2022

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience

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, Michael Vanderhoof- IDOT, and Betsy Tracy- FHWA. Also present: Fred Winteroth- Hanna City. Virtual: Cecilia Crenshaw- FTA, Region 5, Al Shebib- IDOT, Tim- WCBU, Shane Cullen, Terissa Worsford- IDOT, John Donovan.

3. Public Input- none

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

Greg Menold moved to approve February 2, 2022, Commission minutes and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

5. Chairman report- nothing to report

6. Executive Director report

Eric Miller reported we are still having issues in hiring planners. We do have 1 person that will be an intern but will be hired fulltime when she graduates in the Spring with her degree. We still have 1 position open and are contacting ISU and U of I.

7. Ways and Means Report

a. Motion to approve January 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 22-37)

John Kahl moved to approve January 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (resolution 22-37) and Greg Menold seconded.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the following:

- End of month Operating cash was \$635k. Net cash decreased in January by (\$28k). Operating Activities in January resulted in a net surplus of approximately \$21k.
- Accounts Receivable at the end of the month was \$378k. Of the A/R balance, \$250k was federal funds, \$97k was state funds, and \$31k was local funds.
- Accounts Payable at the end of the month was \$33k, there was \$23k in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of January. The remaining \$10k A/P balance included regular monthly bills, including health, dental, vision, and life insurances.
- Total Billings for January were \$86k, minus direct pass-throughs of \$19k, which resulted in Operating Revenue of \$67k. January included 20 regular working days, and 1 paid holiday.
- Total Expenses for January were \$65k, minus direct pass-throughs of \$19k which resulted in Operating Expenses of \$46k.
- January ended with a net surplus of about \$21k, and FY22 has a year-to-date surplus of \$9k.

Motion carried.

8. Administration

a. Motion to approve (1) Out of State Travel Request for staff member to attend American Planning Association Conference (Resolution 22-38)

John Kahl moved to approve (1) Out of State Travel Request for staff member to attend American Planning Association Conference (Resolution 22-38) and Rita Ali seconded.

- Ray Lees explained that one of many opportunities is to enhance the capabilities and performance of staff to have them attend and participate in Local, Regional and /or National Conferences focusing on planning issues with program content impacting and benefiting the Commission's Planning mission.

Motion carried.

9. Planning

a. FHWA/FTA Certification Review (Presentation)

- Betsy Tracy of FHWA presented the Certification Review of the Transportation Planning Process in Peoria/Pekin Transportation Management Area which is conducted by Federal Highway Administration- IL Division and Federal Transit Administration - FTA Region V
- Cecelia Crenshaw explained that this assists MPO in prioritizing regional needs and determining the best and most economical transportation solutions. It helps the foundation for the Peoria region's future transportation system.

- b. Discussion of FY2023 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Attachment)
- Michael Bruner updated that every year, MPO staff is required to develop and submit a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) that includes the transportation planning work program and budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- c. Discussion of FY 2025-26 STBG Programming (Attachment)
- Michael Bruner said he is working with IDOT Local Roads that has released the STBG allotments for FY23: \$4,184,028.33. For FY 2023-2024, the MPO programmed a total of \$6,286,526 of STBG funding for traditional projects. In addition, the MPO programmed a total of \$1,679,000 of STBG funding for maintenance projects. The criteria are enclosed.
 - Barry Logan does not think all monies should go to fulfill underfunded projects. He will not be in favor of this amendment. There is no opportunity for other projects.
- d. Motion to approve STBG Policy Amendment (Resolution 22-39)
- Greg Menold moved to approve STBG Policy Amendment (Resolution 22-39), and John Kahl seconded.

- Barry Logan moved to change resolution to consider making funds available to underfunded projects from previous year does not make it mandatory. We need to retain flexibility.
- Russ Crawford said we need to go along with Technical recommendation. We should not leave money on the table if not used we could lose it.
- Don White said Technical was in favor of this change to appropriate leftover STBG funds for underfunded projects.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Rita Ali, Patrick Urich, Rick Powers, John Kahl, Mike Hinrichsen, James Dillon, Chuck Nagel, Russ Crawford, and Sharon McBride. Nays: Barry Logan, Andrew Rand, and Greg Menold. 9 ayes, and 3 nays. Motion carried.

- e. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with the Village of Minonk for the purpose of developing a Comprehensive Plan (Resolution 22-40)
- Barry Logan moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with the Village of Minonk for the purpose of developing a Comprehensive Plan (Resolution 22-40) and Don White seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with the City of Eureka to provide GIS support to Park Planning project (Resolution 22-42)
- Barry Logan moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with the City of Eureka to provide GIS support to Park Planning project (Resolution 22-42) and Don White seconded.
- Michael Bruner reported this is for Tri County to develop a scope of services and for the Commission to submit a proposal and budget to the City of Eureka for the scope of services.
- Motion carried.
- g. Motion to approve sponsorship of the 2022 American Public Works Association Illinois Chapter Conference for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 (Resolution 22-41)
- Greg Menold moved to approve sponsorship of the 2022 American Public Works Association Illinois Chapter Conference for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 (Resolution 22-41) and John Kahl seconded.

Eric Miller reported this is to sponsor the event of the APWA Illinois Chapter Conference, which allows MPO Members to attend at a reduced cost when they register before the deadline.

Motion carried.

10. Updates

- Strategic Planning
Eric Miller meeting will be April 28, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Scottish Rite Temple in Peoria, IL
- Passenger Rail
Patrick Urich reported they had 2 meetings with Federal R.A. Comments are due March 9, and that over 31,000 persons have responded. Local study is down to 3 sights. Mayor Rita Ali said she is excited, and that the feasibility will be completed by the end of April.
- HSIP Guardrail Grant
Mike Bruner reported that Tazewell County has submitted an Intergovernmental Agreement for all jurisdictions.
- Hanna City Trail
 - Mike Hinrichsen mentioned that Fred Winteroth is a true servant leader to his community.
 - Mike Winteroth explained the process and goals of the Hanna City Trail for hiking and biking.
 - Russ Crawford thanks Fred for his endeavors.
- Hazard Mitigation
Reema Abi-Akar explained the grant we had in the 2019 Plan and that there were 17 applicants. This is done every 5 years with annual checkups. This is for natural disasters assistance and there is no cost to local communities or any unit of government.
- IDOT-nothing added.
- FHWA
Betsy Tracy said that all Commission members are invited to Commission Certification Review meeting after this meeting.

11. Other-none

12. Adjournment

John Kahl moved to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. and Greg Menold seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
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Executive Director

Transcribed by:
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