



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

Mike Hinrichsen, CHAIRMAN

(Don White, Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Andrew Rand, Barry Logan, Chuck Nagel)

**Monday, March 21, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mike Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present: Mike Hinrichsen, Don White, Greg Menold, and Andrew Rand. Virtual: Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Barry Logan, and Chuck Nagel. Staff: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, and Ray Lees.
3. Public Input- none
4. Motion to approve January 21, 2022, minutes  
Don White moved to approve the January 21, 2022, minutes and Andrew Rand seconded. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report  
Eric Miller reported on the following:
  - FHWA Review (Production Meeting). They had no corrective actions but had a couple ideas for planning and accommodations.
    - Mike Hinrichsen asked for the status of when we will get feedback report, and Eric Miller said at a later date.
    - Mike Hinrichsen mentioned he is impressed with the TCRPC team of pulling together after the passing of Ryan Harms.
    - Don White expressed his concern of not getting much public input
  - Eric Miler said we do have the Public Participation Plan (PPP) document and that it is a challenge to get public input.
  - Eric Miller updated on the STBG process of \$4.1m annually with 20% set aside for preservation.
  - Updated on Passenger Rail. In discussion with Amtrack Rail system.
  - Comprehensive Plan updates on communities.
6. Recommend to Commission the FY 23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
Russ Crawford moved to recommend to Commission the FY23 Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) and Barry Logan seconded.

- Eric Miller updated on the draft UPWP. We presented to the Feds based on our work to increase staff for 1 member and want to secure another staff member. Recruiting is an issue. Motion carried.
7. Discussion of application for IDOT State Planning and Research (SPR) Funding on behalf of the Heart of IL Regional Port District- Port Master Plan
- Eric Miller updated on the PORT request for TCRPC staff will apply on behalf of the Port District for the referenced task. If we are successful in the award of funds the Tri County staff will manage all aspects of the grant implementation for a 10% administrative fee.
- Mike Hinrichsen said may be a fair amount of work. Eric Miller replied that they will hire a consultant.
  - Russ Crawford mentioned this will not be done if grant is not approved.
  - Eric Miller said we are just now in collaborating with organization at this time.
  - Andrew Rand added that Port will be doing most of the work after grant is received.
  - Russ Crawford gave history of ports.
  - Eric Miler asked if there were any objectives for moving on and there were no replies.
8. Discussion of other IDOT SPR projects
- Eric Miller explained this is a Statewide Planning and research activity. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research throughout the state. The funding available for the program in FY23 is around \$10 million. A 20% non-federal match is required. Eric Miller updated on the 3 projects we would like to submit:
- Aerial Photography (Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties, and possibly Logan County)
  - Asset Management Project to drive local streets on pavement conditions.
  - Comprehensive Plans for Chillicothe, Germantown Hills, Pekin, and East Peoria
9. Discussion and recommendation of Commission policy for member participation via virtual meetings
- Eric Miller expressed that the Governor has extended virtual meeting so far to April 2, 2022. We do not have a policy for virtual meetings to continue if it is not extended. We are going by OMA (Open Meetings Act) rules currently.
- Greg Menold expressed his concern of going to back struggling to get quorum for meetings.
  - Eric Miller said we can set our own rules for virtual attendance.
  - Mike Hinrichsen asked quorum or face to face. With virtual we lose connecting to person.
  - Greg Menold asked if there is a cost and Eric Miller said not at this time. Is virtual important for public input currently?
  - Don White added with gas prices on the rise and that quorum is important.

- Barry Logan added he agrees with chairman to have virtual available in case of illness, work, etc. Allow virtual but not to make quorum.
- Mike Hinrichsen added we may need to add you have to be 1 person a certain percentage.
- Andrew Rand agreed to have in person, as did Chuck Nagel.
- Greg Menold mentioned mayors need to attend meetings
- Rita Ali said yes, she has not attended in person yet. Virtual option is convenient, and we seem to get more participation instead of in person.
- Mike Hinrichsen asked Eric to come back to meeting next month after he discusses with our attorney.

10. Update on Strategic Planning meeting

Eric Miller reported that the save the date cards have gone out. Speakers will be Chris Setti-Greater Peoria EDC, Kurt Bialobreski – Hanson Professional, Ursula Towne, and Ron Rasberry Co-Chairs for Joint Commission on Racial Justice & Equity. Also, Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation. Please forward onto your stakeholders to attend. This is a public meeting.

11. Other

12. Adjournment

Adjourned

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager