



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EST. 1958

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

Don White, CHAIRMAN

(Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Andrew Rand, Autum Jones, Chuck Nagel, John Kahl)

Monday, August 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Chairman Don White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call
Present: Don White, John Kahl, Chuck Nagel, and Russ Crawford. Virtual: Greg Menold, and Autum Jones. Staff: Eric Miller, Ray Lees and Debbie Ulrich
3. Public Input-none
4. Motion to approve July 15, 2022, minutes
Chuck Nagel moved to approve July 15, 2022, minutes and John Kahl seconded. Don White asked to amend the minutes on item 7 under Process take out means. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report
Eric Miller reported on the following:
 - Funding issues related to IAGA
 - State Research funding
 - Don White suggested to have TCRPC give county and communities a letter of budget funds available.
 - Hanna City Trail usage of property is no longer
 - Port Authority- no action
 - Russ Crawford said we need political persons in organization from our area as representatives.
 - John Kahl asked who we need to contact in Port District?
 - Eric Miller said we need to get two persons on Port District.
 - Suggestions were Denny Kief and Tom Meischner
6. Discussion and if necessary, a recommendation to the Commission for staff support and financial participation in the City of Peoria's application to the Federal Rail Administration Corridor Identification and Development Program.
Eric Miller explained there is \$2.5 million for the Rail Study.

- We did get attention from FRA, Amtrak, and state representatives. We are expecting to hear on the next step(s) and to announce the program.
- The engineer's firm to take over this analysis project is wanting \$250,000. The City of Peoria may come to TCRPC for some funding to support. He is asking for a blind resolution to Commission for funding support.
- Russ Crawford asked what we need to do?
- Eric Miller said we need to go on record we will help.
- Russ Crawford recommended to make a resolution to the Commission for staff support and financial participation in the City of Peoria's application to the Federal Rail Administration Corridor Identification and Development program with a not to exceed amount and to include we are in support of passenger rail in Peoria, and Chuck Nagel seconded. Motion carried.
- Don White asked what the money will be used for, and Eric Miller said budget and expenses.
- Ray Lees added that City of Peoria is leader of project.

7. Other-nothing

8. Adjournment

John Kahl moved to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. and Chuck Nagel seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

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Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager