



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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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, November 21, 2022

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
Chairman Don White called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
2. Roll Call
Present: Don White, Greg Menold, Rita Ali, Autum Jones, and Russ Crawford. Virtual: Andrew Rand. Absent: Chuck Nagel, and John Kahl. Staff: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, Ray Lees, Reema Abi-Akar, and Michael Bruner
3. Public Input- none
4. Motion to approve October 17, 2022, minutes
Rita Ali moved to approve October 17, 2022, minutes and Autum Jones seconded. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report
Eric Miller reported on the following:
 - Project Prioritization process
 - Prospect Road, Pioneer Park, City of Peoria, and City of Pekin
 - Passenger Rail received 2 grants
 - Federal rail administration meeting
 - Kickapoo Creek- Watershed
 - Reema Abi-Akar updated on the Section 319 grant. It is a 60/40 split. We will hire a consultant to do the work. The challenge is for the \$40,000 match.
 - Eric Miller said we may need to ask for assistance from TCRPC
 - Russ Crawford mentioned that Rock Glen should be happy for the 60/40 split. We should not contribute more than 20%
 - Rita Ali suggested Federal funding. State and local legislatures, Soil & Water Conservation, CAT, GPSD, City of Peoria
 - The timeline is March 2023
 - Don White agreed to try and get stakeholders
 - Russ Crawford added we need to protect our funds

6. Discussion of Regional Prioritization process,
 - Lobbying/ partnership with local agencies
 - Eric Miller reported this is a repeatable expense to support projects completely. He said Mike Phelan suggested using lobbyists. May use local funds for lobbying.
 - Don White is there a need for lobbyists. Some small areas are not fond of them.
 - Russ Crawford said why not use the politics and have them behind you on projects
 - Rita Ali said the City of Peoria has 2 lobbyists. There is a lot of value to give strength for priorities.
 - Autumn Jones asked if we have engaged in any of the new representatives and Eric Miller said no.
 - Greg Menold said this may be a necessary evil.
 - Andrew Rand generally agreed.
 - Eric Miller asked how to get a lobbyist, will need to put out RFP?

7. Discussion of Brownfields Partnership with EDC
 - Ray Lees explained this is to redevelop sites
 - Eric Miller said this is not a government site. Need to seek multi- regional consultant for procurement process. Staff time to administer support
 - Rita Ali asked who will manage grant. Eric Miler said TCRPC will help.
 - Greg Menold asked for an example of project. Eric Miller said old, abandoned property. Mostly there are environmental issues. We would help for initializing the use of old property or land.
 - Autumn Jones asked if a site has been selected? Ray Lees replied to no. There is a site on EDC website of viable use of projects.
 - Andrew Rand asked where will funds for testing be from? Ray Lees replied there are no funds needed for analysis process.
 - Eric Miller suggested to have Chris Setti from EDC to next Executive Board meeting for further discussion. There hope is to start next year. There is no timeframe.
 - Russ Crawford asked why EDC doesn't do the work? We need to make sure all funds are looked at. We need to make sure this is the best way to be done so to be beneficial for all involved.

8. Discussion of HUD Healthy Homes grant
 - Local government agency to sign off on Environmental Review process
 - Michael Bruner discussed Peoria Heights application for HUD. HUD released a document for healthy homes. METEC has a \$2M grant and some will go to Peoria Heights. The need is to sign off environmental reviews. They asked us to help. There is a formal agreement to sign off for environmental process. We need to sign and send to HUD.
 - Eric Miller added this is a 3-year grant. It is to make sure METEC does it correctly. Will have resolution at next meeting.
 - Rita Ali asked how many hours this will consist of?

- Michael Bruner said this is a 2-tier process (1) satisfy rules and (2) 2 or 3 reviews for each property. Should take 1 hour per review.
- Russ Crawford asked if we are overloading TCRPC
- Don White asked how we at grading are these and Eric Miller said A+

9. Discussion of IMRF cost study
Eric Miller said we started a cost study.

10. Other

11. Adjournment
Don White moved to adjourn at 10:00 Am and Autumn Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
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