



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

**Don White, CHAIRMAN**

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

***Monday, February 13, 2023***

***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, Greg Menold, John Kahl, and Russ Crawford. Virtual: Chuck Nagel. Absent: Rita Ali, Autum Jones, and Andrew Rand. Staff: Eric Miller, Ray Lees, Debbie Ulrich, and Reema Abi-Akar. Also present: Danny Phelan.

3. Public Input- none

4. Motion to approve January 16, 2023 minutes

Russ Crawford moved to approve the January 16, 2023 minutes and Greg Menold seconded. Motion carried.

5. Executive Director report

Eric Miller reported on the following:

- Raises and promotions were approved by Full Commission
- Updated about Katherine Coyle from Darin LaHood office and Congressman Sorenson about Regional Priority Process

6. Project Updates

a. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Award

- Miller mentioned that the Commission received \$500,000 grant from Federal.
- Action plan needs to be complete to receive funds.
- We also need to raise \$100,000 locally for safety.
- He then explained the key problem areas for safety concerns
- 4 E's are Education, Engineering, Emergency response, and Enforcement.
- Explained the list of priorities.
- Russ Crawford asked who we need to reach out to, and Eric Miller responded this will be discussed at Technical to who we need to reach out to for regional support.
- Don White asked if consultant will be collecting data and Eric Miller said they will do some.

- Eric Miller added this is a Federal Compliant Plan
  - Greg Menold asked how will the match be made and Eric Miller replied the Technical Committee will discuss the match process.
  - Greg Menold added we need to try and get local communities to participate in the match.
- b. Passenger Rail  
Eric Miller mentioned we are making progress. We need to complete 2 different grants. This process is to be done in an estimated time of 10 years. We need to commit to match and maintain support.
- c. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Guardrail Grant  
Eric Miller updated on the HSIP Guardrail grant for \$3M . Several communities are going to replace guardrails. Tazewell County is the lead agency. The 12 communities are working on intergovernmental agreements, hire an engineer contractor and produce bids for guardrails.  
Greg Menold mentioned this is a long process and appreciates TCRPC on their support and help. He then asked if the time limit is shot and Eric Miller that we are making progress.
- d. Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Reema Abi-Akar updated this is done every 5 years. This document outlines the risk factors. The last Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed in 2019. This year we are combining all counties. We applied for 1 umbrella process. Peoria County is seeking flooding. There will be 2 consultants: 1 for Peoria County and 1 for Tazewell and Woodford counties combined. There are 23 communities in this voluntary process.
- e. Unified Planning Work Program Development (UPWP)  
Eric Miller reported on the normal funding thru the Federal government for each year work program. Draft budget is due by tomorrow. The additional \$100,000 is from MPO funding. If we do not spend it goes back.
- f. State Planning and Research Grants
- i. Community Comprehensive Plans  
SPR- Federal sends money to state. MPO and state. The state has offered money for planning projects. There are 2 applications- Committee Comprehensive Planning, Consensual lead. There are 5 communities that will receive funds.
  - ii. HOI Regional Port District Master Plan
    - Ray Lees updated the SPR cycle of \$465,000 funds for this plan. \$350,000 will go to consultant from all over county. We are evaluating 8 communities. This should be completed by the end of March with a consultant on board. It is a 2-year window.
    - Eric Miller added that the State and Federal are encouraging involvement in the Port District.
    - John Kahl mentioned he had a meeting with someone from Governor's office and mentioned the Port District to her.

7. Other

Greg Menold asked about IMRF and staff.

Eric Miller said we received a letter, and they are processing the cost study for IMRF. Fran has left for job at McLean County. We have 2 interviews and may have 2 from ISU.

8. Adjournment

Russ Crawford moved to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

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