**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**456 Fulton St. Suite 401**

**Peoria, IL 61602**

**Greg Menold, CHAIRMAN**

**(Chuck Nagel, Camille Coates, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Autum Jones, John Kahl, and Danny Phelan**

***Monday, October 16, 2023***

***9:00 a.m.***

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Greg Menold called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

1. Roll Call

Present: Greg Menold, Chuck Nagel, Camille Coates, Autum Jones, and John Kahl . Virtual: Russ Crawford. Absent: Rita Ali and Danny Phelan. Staff present: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, Ray Lees, and Debbi La Rue

1. Public Input- none
2. Motion to approve August 21, 2023, minutes.

Chuck Nagel moved to approve the August 21, 2023, minutes and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

1. Executive Director report

Eric Miller reported on the following:

* Safe streets grant.
  + Will have final interviews soon- January is kick off.
* Updated on Active Transportation Plan

1. Discussion of Thriving Communities- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

* Eric Miller mentioned this is Bi-Partisan. He wants the Commission to be aware of the work that will need to be done. It is 100% funded with no local funding needed.
* Debbi La Rue explained the NOFO.
  + The TCP includes three types of funding opportunities, two of which may benefit TCRPC’s member communities: Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program (TCP-R) and Thriving Communities Program (TCP). Both programs are competitive and offer capacity building and technical assistance to communities seeking to develop pipelines of community-driven transportation projects.
  + Our next steps if for Tri-County staff to reach out to members and municipalities within Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties to identify opportunities and to refine the application scope accordingly. Dependent on feedback, TCRPC staff would then prepare TCP-R and/or TCP grant applications through the following processes.
    - TCP-R

TCRPC staff would identify a competitive group of interested municipalities and at least two key community partners and seek Letters of Support.

Applications for the TCP-R program must be submitted by November 28, 2023.

* + - TCP

TCRPC staff, acting as the Lead Applicant, would submit a Letter of Interest describing specific needs for capacity building, comprehensive planning, and technical assistance by November 15, 2023.

* Eric Miller added this aligns with what we do.
* Chuck Nagel said to go forward, and John Kahl concurred.
* Debbi La Rue added she will have meeting with Reema Abi-Akar and Michael Bruner to discuss further.
* Camille Coates added to be flexible and just do TCP.
* Debbi La Rue said she will meet with staff to discuss internal evaluation.

1. Discussion of EV Charging Station NOFO Regional application

* Eric Miller updated we had an information meeting with stakeholders (2nd application). There was mild interest in moving forward. He recommends pursuing it. He would like 10 letters in context to proceed.
* John Kahl mentioned there needs to be change in the dynamics of the chargers. Local areas need to be compensated for having them.
* Eric Miller then proceeded to explain the new charging stations and dynamics.
* Camille Coates asked what the deal is for having one at your store? What is the deal for the businesses?
* Executive Board agrees to continue but to get the answers that are concerning.

1. Update on Employee Handbook

* Eric Miller updating that we are waiting for a response from IMRF on information Peoria County has. He stated he is pressing IMRF for the information. Has some issues that need to be resolved.
* Chuck Nagel said that Woodford County is a go for IMRF.
* Camille Coates of Peoria County just wants bases covered.
* Greg Menold said that Tazewell is in favor but would like more information and risk explanation of assets & liabilities.

1. Other

* Greg Menold mentioned that TCRPC had 2 finalists Michael Bruner and Ray Lees nominated for Planner of the Year at IDOT meeting. Ray Lees won. He congratulated all staff.
* Eric Miller mentioned that Gavin Hunt that is also in the Reserves- Army National Guard will be leaving in February. He will be in Monterey, CA for linguist capacity duty.
* Eric Miller updated the Fall Panning Conference layer of STBG money claims has short changes in layer of MPO’s. Do we want to be a part of this conversation or just stand by and say we are happy with what we have. Eric feels they are fair with the money.
* Eric Miller said that October Technical meeting is cancelled and that November, Ways & Means and Commission is also canceled.

Adjournment

Camille Coates moved to adjourn at 9:56 am and Autum Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by:

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