



**TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**Ways & Means Committee: 8:30 a.m., August 3, 2022**  
**Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum): 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience**

Chairman Don White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioner	P	A	Commissioner	P	A
<b>Mike Hughes</b> Chillicothe	x		<b>Leon Ricca</b> Bartonville		x
<b>Rita Ali</b> City of Peoria.		x	<b>Nate Parrott</b> Morton		x
<b>Patrick Ulrich</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Autum Jones</b> Woodford Co		x
<b>Rick Powers</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Chuck Nagel,</b> Woodford Co.	x	
<b>Ron Talbot</b> Creve Coeur	x		<b>Andrew Rand,</b> Peoria Co.	x	
<b>John Kahl</b> East Peoria.	x		<b>Don White</b> Peoria Co.	x	
<b>Ann Sasso,</b> Germantown Hills	x		<b>Russ Crawford</b> Tazewell Co.	x	
<b>Mike Phelan,</b> Peoria Heights		x	<b>Greg Menold,</b> Tazewell Co.		x
<b>Mark Luft</b> City of Pekin.	x		<b>Don Knox</b> CityLink	x	
<b>Gary Manier,</b> Washington		x	<b>Karen Dvorsky,</b> IDOT	x	
<b>James Dillon</b> West Peoria	x				

Present: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, Francesca Lewis, Michael Bruner, Rebecca Eisele, and Reema Abi-Akar. Staff virtual: Britney West. Virtual: Denise Passage, City of Chillicothe. Also present: Brandon Geber- IDOT, Virtual- Betsy Tracey- FHWA

**3. Public Input- none**

**4. Motion to approve July 6, 2022, Commission minutes**

John Kahl moved to approve July 6, 2022, Commission minutes and Ron Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Chairman report-nothing**

**6. Executive Director report**

Eric Miller updated on the following:

- Strategic Plan stages
- Technical meeting Special studies
- SPR announcement (Brandon Geber from IDOT said it will be sooner than later)

- Passenger rail study

## 7. Ways and Means Report

- a. Motion to approve June 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 23-09)

Chuck Nagel moved to approve June 2022 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 23-09) and John Kahl seconded.

Rebecca reported on the following:

- Operating Activities in June resulted in a Net Loss of (\$8,254)
- Total Operating Cash at the end of the month was \$836,926. Cash increased in June by \$64,891 compared to May.
- Accounts Receivable's at the end of June was \$167, 729
- Accounts Payable balance at the end of June was \$68,757
- Total Current Billings for June were \$159,036 minus direct pass-through expenses of \$98,070, resulting in Operating Revenue of \$69,966.
- Total Expenses for June were \$167,290, minus direct pass-through expenses of \$98,070, resulting in Operating Expenses of \$69,220.
- June resulted in a net loss of (\$8,254). Fiscal Year 2022 ended with a net surplus of \$8,508.

## 8. Administration

- a. Motion to approve request for staff member(s) to attend Illinois American Planning Association Conference (Resolution 23-14)

Chuck Nagel moved to approve request for staff member(s) to attend Illinois American Planning Association Conference (Resolution 23-14) and John Kahl seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar reported:

- This typically is every year and planners attend this event.
- I am helping to lead a panel session aimed at students regarding different types of planning careers.
- It is in downtown Chicago from September 28-30.
- Cost is not to exceed \$4,500; this is for all four planners which includes registration, hotel, and meals.

Motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve, TCRPC Officers and Committee appointments July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023, Autum Jones to replace Barry Logan on Nominations and Executive Board Committees. (Amended Resolution 22-51) (Resolution 23-15)

Russ Crawford moved to approve TCRPC Officers and Committee appointments July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023, Autum Jones to replace Barry Logan on Nominations and Executive Board Committees. (Amended Resolution 22-51) (Resolution 23-15) seconded by John Kahl.

Russ Crawford mentioned this needed to go thru Nominations then to Commission. Motion carried.

- c. Discussion of Strategic Planning Report

Eric Miller reported on the following:

- The next steps are to create a transportation dashboard for existing data sources that support Federal Performance Measures and LRTP Goals.
- Create Regional Priority Project List for the Tri-County area
- Support Effective Grant Applications
- Environmental and Land Use Development Strategies.

There were no comments or objectives on this.

## 9. Planning

- a. Motion to approve Executive Director to enter contracts with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and consultant to update Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution 23-13)

Ron Talbot moved to approve Executive Director to enter contracts with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and consultant to update Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution 23-13) and John Kahl seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar reported:

- We applied for and received an HMGP grant (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) through IEMA and FEMA
- We requested just under \$90k; they awarded us just over \$100k (\$106,021.20). It requires a 25% cost share, but they accept in-kind matches.
- We will use a consultant, like we did previous years. We put out a RFQ and received four submissions; we are in the process of selecting one.
- We have added more jurisdictions since the last time we completed this plan. We now have 23; we gained 6 more (bolded are new)
  - Bartonville(village)                      Pekin (city)
  - Chillicothe (city)                      **Pekin Park District**
  - **Creve Coeur(village)**                      Peoria (city)
  - East Peoria (city)                      **Peoria County**
  - **El Paso (city)**                      Peoria Heights (village)
  - Eureka (city)                      **Peoria Park District**
  - Germantown Hills (village)              Roanoke (village)
  - Greater Peoria Sanitary District      Tazewell County
  - Hanna City (village)                      Tri County Regional Planning Commission
  - Morton (village)                      **West Peoria (city)**
  - Tremont (village)                      Woodford County
  - Washington (city)

Motion carried.

## 10. Transportation

- a. Motion to approve Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Projects (Resolution 23-12)

John Kahl moved to approve Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Patrick Urich seconded.

Michael Bruner explained the following:

- We need to allocate STBG funds to the urbanized area for FY 2025 & 2026
- We have \$6.56 million to program through the Traditional Program (reconstruction of existing roadways & building new roadways)
- TCRPC submitted a call for projects earlier this year
- We received 7 applications
  - East Peoria- Grange Road- Centennial to US-24
  - Pekin- Court Street- 8<sup>th</sup> St to Stadium Dr.
  - Pekin- Derby Street- 8<sup>th</sup> St to 14<sup>th</sup> St
  - Peoria- Northmoor/University Intersection
  - Peoria County- Sheridan Road- Glen to Northmoor
  - Tazewell County- Mueller Road- Pinecrest (EP) to Jay Ave. (Morton)
  - Washington- Nofsinger Road- Santa Fe Rd to Cruger Rd
- The Technical Committee established a STBG Review Committee
  - Rich Brecklin (Germantown Hills)
  - Terry Keogel (Creve Coeur)
  - Kinga Krider (West Peoria)
- The subcommittee scored the top two projects:
  - Pekin: Court Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Stadium Drive
    - Self-score of 40
    - Regional significance score of 37.8
    - Total score of 77.80
  - Peoria: Northmoor & University Intersection
    - Self-score of 37
    - Regional significance score of 36.55
    - Total score of 73.55
- Top two projects amount to \$6,920,000
  - Excess request of \$360,000 or 5.2%

- In the past, we have split this cost reduction evenly among the projects
- Subcommittee recommended funding both Pekin and Peoria project with a 5.2% prorated reduction.
  - Court Street: Requested \$3M, reduced by \$156,069, funding amount \$2,843,931 (35.55% federal share)
  - Northmoor/University: Requested \$3.92M, reduced by \$203,930, funding amount \$3,716,070 (66.35% federal share)
- At the July 20 Technical Committee meeting, the group voted to amend the Subcommittee recommendations on a 9 to 8 vote to instead award Pekin at their full request because their request amounted to a 37.5% federal share, while Peoria requested the maximum federal share of 70%.
- The Technical Committee's final recommendation is to fund Court's Street in Pekin at their full requested amount of \$3 million, and Northmoor and University at a reduced amount of \$3.56 million.
  - Court Street: Requested \$3M, reduced by \$0, funding amount \$3M (37.5% federal share)
  - Northmoor/ University: requested \$3.92M, reduced by \$360,000. Funding amount \$3.56M (63.57% federal share)

Eric Miller added there was positive results from the amendment at Technical Committee meeting. It is policy to make projects whole.

Russ Crawford added we need to trust within all groups is important.

Pat Urich added as technical looks at this it needs to be considered. If more money comes from Federal, it needs to be spread out.

Motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 23-11)
- i. S-23-08 Pavement Preservation
  - ii. S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement
  - iii. S-23-01 Adams Street Bridge Replacement
  - iv. S-25-01 IL-8 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - v. S-20-13 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - vi. S-23-04 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation

John Kahl moved to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 23-11) and James Dillon seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- S-23-08 Pavement Preservation
  - I-74 & I-474 Pavement preservation (various locations) Added to FY23 program
- S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement
  - Airport Road bridge replacement over I-474. Project funding updated and moved to FY23 program
- S-23-01 Adams Street Bridge Replacement
  - IL-8 bridge rehab over Kickapoo Creek tributary (3.5M NS of Pottstown). Project added to FY25 program.
- S-25-01 IL-8 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - IL-8 bridge rehab over Kickapoo Creek. Project added to FY25 program
- S-20-13 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - IL-29 bridge replacement over Dickison run project funding updated and moved to FY26 program.
- S-23-04 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - IL-29 bridge replacement over Dickison run project funding updated and moved to FY26 program.
  - The difference between S-20—13 and S-23-04 is one is the North bound bridge, and the other is the south bound bridge.

Michael Bruner asked Karen Dvorsky if she had anything to add and she responded no.

Motion carried.

- c. Motion to approve the extension of Section 5310 Agreement with the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District to improve bus stops throughout the region. (Resolution 23-16)

Andrew Rand moved to approve the extension of Section 5310 Agreement with Greater Peoria Mass Transit District to improve bus stops throughout the region (Resolution 23-16) and John Kahl seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- Every year, Tri-County receives an apportionment of funds from FTA for the Section 5310 program
  - This aims to improve mobility of seniors and people with disabilities.
  - We have the choice to give this money to IDOT for them to use in their Consolidated Vehicle Procurement program OR we can put out our own call for projects to use funds for either capital or operational funds.
- In February 2019, Tri-County executed an agreement with GPMTD to improve bus stops throughout their service area using, at the time remaining funds from FY16 and FY17.
  - That agreement expired in February 2017.
  - A portion of the funds were spent, but not all of them.
    - Due to a combination of factors, mainly staff changes over the years in both TCRPC and GPMTD, as well as COVID complications
  - FTA is requiring us to spend these funds by December 31, 2022
    - We would like to extend the contract
- Still have \$57,150
  - \$45,720 are federal
  - \$11,430 are local
- GPMTD has a plan to spend these funds across six bus stops
- We have just submitted to NEPA report to the FTA, so once that returns, GPMTD will be able to begin the work on these bus stops improvements.
- We would like to extend our previous contract because the scope is the same, so we can retain these funds for the region.

Motion carried.

- d. Motion to approve the adoption of Congestion Management Process (CMP) (Resolution 23-10)

John Kahl moved to approve the adoption of Congestion Management Process (CMP) (Resolution 23-10) and Patrick Ulrich seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar reported on the following:

- Because our area's population is over 200,000, we are considered a Transportation Management Area (TMA)
- All TMA's must develop a Congestion Management Process to address safety and management of a multimodal transportation system.
- We acquired Lochmueller Group, a consultant, to complete this process. We utilized the community engagement processes outlined in our Public Participation Plan (PPP) document
  - We had 30-day comment period (July 1-31) and a public meeting during the last technical meeting.
  - Sharif Ullah from Lochmueller Group also attended and gave a presentation about the plan and the process.
  - The Technical Committee recommends the adoption of the CMP

Motion carried.

## 11. Updates

- a. STBG Preservation Set-Aside Program

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- \$1.64M will be available for resurfacing projects

- Anticipate an August 17<sup>th</sup> Call for Projects at Technical
    - Due: September 30<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> project presentation
- b. IDOT  
Brandon Geber thanked TCRPC for CMP (Congestion Management Process) update
- c. FHWA- Betsy Tracey had nothing to add

**12. Other**

Next meeting schedules September 7, 2022

**13. Adjournment**

Chuck Nagel moved to adjourn at 9:46 am and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager