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**Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum): September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

## MINUTES

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

Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Commissioner	Present	Absent
<b>Amanda Beadles</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 Urich</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>Terry Keogel</b> Creve Coeur		X	<b>Camille Coates</b> Peoria Co.	X	
<b>John Kahl</b> East Peoria	X		<b>Danny Phelan</b> Peoria Co.	X	
<b>Karl Figg</b> Germantown Hills	X		<b>Russ Crawford</b> Tazewell Co.	X	
<b>Matt Wigginton</b> Peoria Heights	X		<b>Greg Menold</b> Tazewell Co.	X	
<b>Mary Burress</b> City of Pekin	X		<b>Don Knox</b> CityLink		X
<b>Lilija Stevens</b> Washington	X		<b>Karen Dvorsky</b> IDOT		X
<b>James Dillon</b> West Peoria	X				

~ = Virtual participant

Also Present: Ray Lees, Rebecca Eisele, Eric Miller, Debbi La Rue, Michael Bruner, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds, TCRPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT; Cheryl Budzinski, League of Women Voters.

### 3. Public Comment

None.

### 4. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025

John Kahl made a motion to approve the July 2, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Nate Parrott.

Motion carried.

## **5. Chairman Report**

None

## **6. Executive Director report**

Eric Miller reported the following:

- a. GIS Specialist II Logan Chapman is leaving us for a position in Cook County after four years of employment. Tri-County wishes him all the best.
- b. TCRPC sent IDOT a letter regarding the Local Implementation Guidebook, which pointed out that many local jurisdictions cannot afford the upkeep of IDOT improvements; therefore, the smaller communities will not agree to the much-needed improvements, leaving residents without safe and accessible infrastructure for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Another concern is the inconsistency in how IDOT applies requirements to local resurfacing projects that intersect with state routes. TCRPC encouraged IDOT to revise its policies to construct, retain jurisdiction, and maintain bicycle and pedestrian accommodation and apply requirements consistently across the region to help ensure smaller jurisdictions are not disadvantaged and that active transportation goals are advanced fairly across Illinois.

## **7. Presentation from Alan Meyer, WSP, on the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District Master Plan**

Alan Meyer presented the following:

- a. The Heart of Illinois Regional Port District HIRPD is one of 20 port districts designated by Illinois Legislature.
  - HIRPD does not currently own or operate any port or other asset but is active in planning and community engagement.
  - Covers nearly all of six counties – Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, and Marshall, and Mason except Havana Township.
    - Illinois Waterway Ports Commission includes HIRPD and Havana RPD, plus Bureau, Putnam, LaSalle and Grundy.
  - Marine cargo facilities are able to move farm products, fertilizers, dry-bulk, grain, chemicals, steel, scrap metal, petroleum products, sand, and gravel.
  - The roadways are made up of 1,040 miles of interstate, US, and state highways, and 1,105 miles of county roads.
  - Freight railways cover 734 miles over 10 railroads. Every county has two railroads and at least one Class 1 railroad (BNSF, UP, CN and NS).
- b. There are many jobs involved in the freight-dependent and logistics industries, including executive, hospitals, manufacturing, crops, food and beverage, and gasoline.
- c. The top industries that benefit from marine transportation are grain farming, organic chemical manufacturing, oilseed farming, and iron and steel.
- d. 7.8 million tons are moved on water and will see a 32% increase from 2021 to 2050. Most goes to and from Louisiana.
- e. Market opportunities include container-on-barge (not very viable), corn, soybeans, fertilizer, aggregates, iron, and steel, which is tied to significant local manufacturing in and around Peoria.
  - Metals move truck to barge, rail transload, fabrication and value-added processing.
  - There is potential to double by 2050, and barge access could accommodate receipts from Arkansas, Alabama, and Lake Michigan via Burns Harbor, MI.

- f. The concept illustration demonstrates how it could fit into four possible sites of 30+ acres
  - Liberty Steel
  - Edwards Power Plant
  - Kingston Mines
  - Mapleton
- g. Should be profitable at some sites, could generate revenue by issuance of bonds, and regional economic benefit from construction and use.
- h. HIRPD can exercise its technical and financial authorities anywhere in the Port District.
- i. The draft strategy was presented, as well as the draft organizational model, draft cargo vision, draft non-cargo vision, and draft action plan.

## **8. Ways and Means Report**

### **a. Motion to approve the June and July 2025 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 26-07)**

John Kahl made a motion to approve the June and July 2025 Financial Statements and Billings. Greg Menold seconded the motion.

Rebecca Eisele reported the following:

- Total Operating Cash at the end of June, which was also the end of Fiscal Year 2025, was approximately \$1,094,000. Operating cash at the end of July 2025, the first month of Fiscal Year 2026, was approximately \$947,000. Operating cash decreased by \$146k in July, compared to June.
- Total Accounts Receivable balance at the end of July was \$551,000. Of the A/R balance, \$246,000 was federal funds, \$46,000 was state funds, and \$260,000 was local funds.
- Accounts Payable balance at the end of the month was \$84,000, and of that amount there was \$81,000 in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of June. The remaining \$3,000 Accounts Payable balance at the end of June was for regular bills.
- Total Revenue for FY25 was \$2,535,000. Total Expenses for FY25 were \$2,430,000. Fiscal Year 2025 ended with a surplus of \$105,000.
- Total Revenue for July was \$338,000. Total Expenses for July were \$107,000. July 2025 ended with a surplus of \$231,000.
- Approximately \$100,000 of local TCRPC funds were used in FY25 for local matching funds for grants.
- Approximately \$3,000 of local TCRPC funds were used in July for local matching funds for grants.

Motion carried.

### **b. Motion to approve the Morton Community Bank Signatories (Resolution 26-08)**

Russ Crawford made a motion to approve Morton Community Bank Signatories. Nate Parrott seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

## **9. Administration**

### **a. Motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and amend the consultant contract for the Peoria County Comprehensive Plan (Resolution 26-09)**

John Kahl made a Motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and amend the consultant contract for the Peoria County Comprehensive Plan. Camille Coates seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- In July, the Commission approved a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Planning NEXT, the selected consultant for the Peoria County Comprehensive Plan.
- Also this summer, Peoria County allocated \$60,000 from its FY 2024 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Energy Transition Community Grant to the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC) for the development of an Economic Development Strategy (EDS) plan.
- Following this, GPEDC approached Tri-County to explore the possibility of coordinating both planning efforts by engaging the same consultant team. This collaboration is expected to yield cost savings in areas such as travel, data analysis, and community engagement—ultimately resulting in more robust and better-aligned plans.
- Currently, staff is working closely with Peoria County and GPEDC to determine the most effective procurement approach. One option under consideration is for GPEDC to contract directly with Planning NEXT. Staff is bringing this to the Commission’s attention now so staff can act promptly once the logistics are finalized.
- This resolution seeks approval to authorize Tri-County to amend its existing contract with Planning NEXT, adding an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to support the development of the Economic Development Strategy plan.

Motion carried.

## **10. Transportation**

### **a. Motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 26-10)**

Matt Wigginton made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. John Kahl seconded the motion.

#### **i. Project S-26-14 IL-8 Bridge Repair**

- The project is being added to the FY 2026 Program and targeting the January 16, 2026, letting.
- The project includes bridge joint replacement/repair and painting of beam ends at the Illinois Route 8 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad north of Pottstown.
- The total project cost is \$1.2 million, with \$960,000 of STBG funding being used.

#### **ii. IDOT FY 2025 Program Carryover to FY 2026**

- IDOT is carrying over 12 FY 2025 projects.
- Of the 12 projects, only four have additional changes outside of the Program move. Those four projects are:
  - Project S-19-04 IL-116 Bridge Reconstruction.
    - This project is for Illinois Route 116 bridge over the BNSF railroad, UP Railroad, and Kickapoo Creek 0.1 miles east of Airport Road.
      - The project funding is increasing by 53.85%.
  - Project S-21-20 US-24 Pavement Reconstruction

- This project is from Legion Road to east City Limits of Washington.
- Merging Phase I and Phase II engineering into one TIP record.
- Project S-22-11 IL-8 Pavement Reconstruction
  - This project is IL-8 (Western Ave) from Farmington to Lincoln Ave.
  - This project is merging Phase I and Phase II engineering into one TIP record.
- Project S-24-21 US-150 Pavement Rehabilitation
  - This project is US-150 (War Memorial Drive) from 0.2 miles west of Orange Prairie Road to 0.1 miles west of the Sterling/Glen Ave intersection.
  - This project is merging Phase I and Phase II engineering into one TIP record.
- iii. **IDOT FY 2026 Program move to out years**
  - To accommodate the FY 2025 carryover projects, IDOT is moving nine projects to the FY 2027 and 2028 out years.
  - Of the nine projects, only two have additional changes outside of the Program move. The two projects are:
    - Project S-23-01 Adams Street Bridge Reconstruction
      - This project is replacing the Adams Street Bridge over the BNSF Railroad and UP Railroad at the City of Peoria southwestern city limits.
      - This project is increasing funding by 11%.
    - Project S-23-02 Adams Street Bridge Reconstruction
      - This project is for the construction engineering portion of the Adams Street Bridge replacement project.
      - This project is increasing funding by 50%.

Motion carried.

## **11. GIS**

### **a. Presentation – MioVision Scout Plus Traffic Counting Equipment**

TCRPC's Isaiah Hageman, GIS Specialist II, gave a presentation on the MioVision Counting Equipment that was received earlier this year.

- This traffic counter is safe and non-intrusive; it can be set up along roads, on bike paths, etc.; it can be set to count cars, pedestrians, and bikes; and it can split those up into different types of vehicles – cars, pickup trucks, semi-trucks, delivery trucks, buses, etc.
- It has a cellular connection, so TCRPC has 24-hour remote access to be able to check in and see how it's doing.
- The camera can be raised 40 feet into the air, and it can view an entire intersection.
- It can count in a straight line, multi-lane, and turning motions.
- It can export results into an Excel spreadsheet and break the results down into specific time periods and lengths of time, for example, one hour or five minutes.
- It is available to all Tri-County participants at no charge. TCRPC pays the software company to analyze the data, but staff has a large budget set up to cover the cost.
- Four units are available.

## **12. Updates**

### **a. IDOT**

Doug DeLille reported the following:

IDOT is still waiting on the Multi-Year Plan to be released. Doug also mentioned that he has not seen the Safety Targets yet, which typically comes out in August. He mentioned he would forward them as soon as he receives them. He also talked about Tri-County's letter in response to IDOT's request for comments on the Local Implementation Guidebook that the Executive Director spoke of in his report.

### **b. FHWA – none.**

## **13. Other**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

## **14. Adjournment**

Jim Dillon motioned to adjourn. Danny Phelan seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Submitted by Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by Michael Bruner, Senior Planner

Transcribed by Lori Reynolds, Office Administrator