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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience

Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Commissioner	Present	Absent
Amanda Beadles Chillicothe	X		Leon Ricca Bartonville	X	
Rita Ali City of Peoria		X	Nate Parrott Morton		X
Patrick Urich City of Peoria		X	Autum Jones Woodford Co.		X
Rick Powers City of Peoria		X	Chuck Nagel Woodford Co.	X	
Terry Keogel Creve Coeur		X	Camille Coates Peoria Co.	X	
John Kahl East Peoria	X		Danny Phelan Peoria Co.	X	
Karl Figg Germantown Hills		X	Russ Crawford Tazewell Co.	~	
Matt Wigginton Peoria Heights	X		Greg Menold Tazewell Co.	X	
Mary Burress City of Pekin		X	Don Knox CityLink		X
Lilija Stevens Washington		X	Karen Dvorsky IDOT	X	
James Dillon West Peoria	X				

~ = Virtual participant

Also Present: Ray Lees, Rebecca Eisele, Eric Miller, Debbi La Rue, Michael Bruner, Isaiah Hageman, Adam Crutcher, Else Hayes, Gavin Hunt, Reema Abi-Akar and Lori Reynolds, TCRPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT. Russ Crawford attended virtually.

NO QUORUM.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025

John Kahl made a motion to approve the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Danny Phelan.

Motion carried.

5. Chairman Report

None

6. Executive Director report

Eric Miller reported the following:

- Ray Lees has been doing tremendous work on the Brownfield grant. Currently there is one site, PNC Bank building, but there are a few sites on the south side of Peoria, and some Peoria County sites being explored. Eric invited other communities to submit their interest to Ray if they feel they have a potential site.
- Staff continue to look for new funding opportunities and grants.
- IDOT planning marks have been submitted to Tri-County, and the numbers are consistent with last year. Staff will use these numbers to produce a budget.
- This is the last year of provisional spend-down. IDOT will most likely continue providing state matching dollars for Tri-County.
- A draft budget should be ready for February submittal.
- We continue to monitor the federal transportation bill reauthorizations. At this time, it will likely be a traditional highway bill, with possibly no bike or pedestrian provisions. Regional Prioritization includes highway-heavy projects.
- Eric attended the Chillicothe city council meeting. There was a productive conversation regarding the Illinois 29 Viaduct. They have a vote next Monday, and if that is a positive vote, Tri-County will assist Chillicothe with some of the miscellaneous administrative work that goes along with that. Amanda's and Kevin's leadership are appreciated on this work for this regional project.
- In regard to the audit last month, nothing has changed due to the federal shutdown. Documents are being prepared for submission.

7. Ways and Means Report

a. Motion to approve the October 2025 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 26-26)

Camille Coates made a motion to approve the October 2025 Financial Statements and Billings. John Kahl seconded the motion.

Rebecca Eisele updated on the following:

- Total Operating Cash at the end of the month was approximately \$966,000. Operating cash decreased by \$78,000 in October, compared to September.

- Total Accounts Receivable balance at the end of the month was \$456,000. Of the A/R balance, \$292,000 was federal funds, \$56,000 was state funds, and \$108,000 was local funds.
- Accounts Payable balance at the end of the month was \$120,000, and of that amount, there was \$117,000 in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of October. The remaining \$3,000 Accounts Payable balance at the end of October was for regular bills.
- Total Revenue for October was \$177,000.
- Total Expenses for October were \$163,000.
- October ended with a surplus of approximately \$14,000.
- Approximately \$38,000 of local TCRPC funds have been used for local matching funds so far in FY26.
- Fiscal Year 2026 has a surplus of approximately \$202,000 as of the end of October.

Danny Phelan asked why Ways & Means has not met as often. Eric Miller explained that there have not been any unusual items to discuss, just the regular monthly bills. So, to alleviate the need for an unnecessary meeting, Rebecca has chosen to include the banking information with the Commission packet if anyone wishes to review it. John Kahl and Chuck Nagel, both from the Ways & Means committee, agreed that this is a good idea and a time saver.

Motion carried.

8. Personnel

a. **Motion to approve Executive Director Performance Evaluation Process (Resolution 26-25)**

Danny Phelan motioned to approve the Executive Director Performance Evaluation Process. John Kahl seconded the motion.

Chuck Nagel stated that Personnel Committee, then the Executive Committee looked at the evaluation process. It is still a work in progress. If there are any questions, they should be directed to anyone on those committees.

Motion carried.

9. Transportation

***The following Transportation items were only discussed at this meeting, not voted on, as a vote requires a quorum of the Full Commission.**

a. **Motion to appoint members to the Regional Transportation Safety Committee for a two-year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Resolution 26-23) – Handout**

Michael Bruner reported the following:

- There is a handout on the table that updates the committee list from what is in the packet.
- The Commission passed Resolution 26-11 on September 3, 2025 establishing the Regional Transportation Safety Committee as a Special Committee of the Commission.

- At the November meeting, this item was tabled due to some issues with geographical equity and pending confirmations for interested parties.
- Since this time, staff have been working with Woodford County to identify additional representatives. The Eureka-Goodfield Fire Protection District and Eureka Public Works Department have been identified as potential members.
- Staff have been actively trying to contact these entities and identify potential members, but TCRPC has received no confirmed representative from Woodford County. To accommodate this, these two positions are vacant and being held for future members in Woodford.
- The Committee is comprised of a 21-member body with representation across the following categories:
 - Advocacy and Community – 2 positions
 - Business, Industry, and Media – 4 positions
 - Education and Training – 3 positions
 - First Responders and Enforcement – 5 positions
 - Human Services – 2 positions
 - Transportation and Infrastructure – 5 positions
- The two vacant positions being held for Woodford County are in the First Responders and Enforcement Category, and the Transportation and Infrastructure category.
- The purpose of the Regional Transportation Safety Committee is to guide the implementation of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, monitor and review regional crash data, assist in developing federally required transportation safety performance measures, and promote ongoing dialogue and outreach on roadway safety.
- The appointments are for 2 years, consistent with the Commission Fiscal Year cycle. Therefore, these appointments will be backdated to July 1, 2025, and they will run through June 30, 2027.

Matt Wigginton stated that by the next meeting, 25% of the term will be over. Michael Bruner stated that they could consider changing the term to the calendar year rather than fiscal year. There was a discussion of changing terms. Chuck Nagel stated that his opinion, being from Woodford County, is that if there is no representative from Woodford County, to just go ahead without them. Russ stated that we can extend the terms and reinstate later if necessary.

b. Motion to approve the Tri-County 2026 Safety Targets (Resolution 26-27)

Michael Bruner reported the following:

- At the federal level, transportation legislation (MAP-21, FAST Act, & IIJA) has mandated the use of performance measures to better assess federal transportation investment progress to achieving national transportation goals.
- The national performance measurement system requires State DOTs and MPOs to set specific targets and report progress in related transportation documents.
- The targets are:

- Safety (PM-1)
 - Pavement & Bridge Condition (PM-2)
 - System Performance (PM-3)
 - Transit Asset Management
 - Transit Safety
- IDOT set their Safety Performance Measure in August as part of their submission of the Highway Safety Improvement Plan Annual Report to the FHWA.
 - IDOT's safety targets are shown at the bottom of Page 1 of the Safety Performance Measures Memo
- MPOs have 180 days to either support State DOT targets or develop their own performance measures from the date the State DOT sets their targets (February 2026).
- It is important to note that state DOTs are the only ones that are assessed for significant progress towards assessed targets, not MPOs.
- In the past, TCRPC has elected to support IDOT targets. However, with the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), the region now has a structured, data-driven methodology for monitoring and reporting safety performance.
- Consistent with the CSAP and the adopted Vision Zero Policy, staff presented and recommended applying the plan's staged annual reduction of 4% to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 to the Technical Committee.
 - Page 2 of the Safety Performance Measures Memo provides a graph that shows the region's safety data
 - Page 3 shows the Safety Performance Targets presented to the MPO Technical Committee with a 4% reduction.
- The Technical Committee questioned whether adopting a more aggressive 4% target would increase eligibility or competitiveness for safety funding. Due to the lack of direct funding incentives, the group recommended adopting the State's 2% target for 2026, with the intention to revisit the target next year after further review and Safety Committee input.
- During the Technical Committee meeting, attendees also asked about specific past performance on Safety Targets. Staff did not have specific historical data for 2024, but did present the safety performance targets data in the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (https://tricityrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/LRTP-2050-Plan_2025.04.02-Reduced.pdf) on pages 31-37, which outlines the 2022 and 2023 Safety Performance Measures.
 - Page 3 (bottom) and Page 4 of the memo outlines the results of the 2024 Safety Performance Targets.
 - Safety targets use five-year rolling averages for setting and measuring.
 - In the table on Page 4, both the 2024 actual numbers and five-year averages are provided. The 2024 actuals are shared only to help show data trends.
 - In 2024, this region met 3 out of the 7 targets and an additional 2 2024 actual numbers showing positive direction by meeting the target.

- Unfortunately, the region did not meet and is not trending in the right direction for number of fatalities and number of non-motorized serious injuries.
- The bottom of page 4 shows the updated Safety Performance Targets utilizing IDOT's 2% reduction and linear regression for calculating the proposed targets.

John Kahl stated that he appreciates the sharing of this data, that it is good information to have.

c. **Motion to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 26-28)**

- i. PC-27-02 Sheridan Road
- ii. PC-27-03 Intersection Safety Improvements
- iii. PEO-27-01 Wisconsin Ave
- iv. TZ-26-01 Broadway Road Resurfacing

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- i. **Project PC-27-02 Sheridan Road**
 - Reconstruction of Sheridan Rd from Sherbrook Ln to Northmoor Rd
 - This project is being added to the FY 2027 Program with funding from IDOT's FY 2024 Local Public Funding.
- ii. **Project PC-27-03 Intersection Safety Improvements**
 - Intersection safety improvements at seven intersections in Peoria County, with two of the intersections located within the MPO boundary:
 - Intersection of Hanna City-Glasford Rd / Lancaster Rd, and
 - Intersection of Maple Ridge Rd / Harkers Corner Rd
 - This project is being added to the FY 2027 Program with HSIP funding.
- iii. **Project PEO-27-01 Wisconsin Ave**
 - Reconstruction of Wisconsin Ave from McClure Ave to Forrest Hill Ave
 - This project is being added to the FY 2027 Program with funding from IDOT's FY 2024 Local Public Funding.
- iv. **Project TZ-26-01 Broadway Road Resurfacing**
 - Resurfacing of Broadway Road from 170 feet east of Springfield Road easterly to 930 feet east of northbound I-155 ramps
 - This project is being added to the FY 2026 Program with funding from IDOT's FY 2024 Local Public Funding.

10. Planning

a. **Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into and implement an agreement for Planning and Zoning Services for the Village of Dunlap (Resolution 26-29)**

Camille Coates made a motion to approve the authorization of the Executive Director to enter into and implement an agreement for Planning and Zoning Services for the Village of Dunlap. John Kahl seconded the motion.

Debbi La Rue reported the following:

- The Commission provides expertise in Community Planning and Land Use on an as-needed basis to jurisdictions in the region.
- Staff met with officials from the Village of Dunlap to review its 2022 Comprehensive Plan developed by the Commission during which the Village expressed interest in receiving planning and zoning assistance on an as-needed basis.
- The Commission has the resources and capacity to support the village with its planning and zoning needs at an hourly rate of \$85.00 plus reimbursable expenses to cover the Commission's costs.

Motion carried.

b. **Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into and implement an agreement for Planning and Grant Administration Services for METEC Resource Center (Resolution 26-30)**

Camille Coates made a motion to approve the authorization of the Executive Director to enter into and implement an agreement for Planning and Grant Administration Services for METEC Resource Center. Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- The Commission has been working with METEC Resource Center since 2023 to provide Planning and Grant Administration services for its HUD Healthy Homes and HUD Older Adult Home Modification Program.
- The METEC Executive Director reached out to Staff and requested additional assistance with administering METEC's Home Repair and Accessibility Program (HRAP) grant.
- Commission has the resources and capacity to support METEC with its Planning and Grant Administration needs at an hourly rate of \$85.00 plus reimbursable expenses to cover the Commission's costs.

Greg Menold asked for an explanation of what METEC is. It was explained that it is a non-profit on the south side of Peoria that offers housing assistance and other types of assistance to low-income families. They are not a governmental entity so they need a governmental entity to sign off on paperwork that would be submitted to federal agencies.

Motion carried.

11. Updates

- a. **IDOT** – Doug DeLille shared that he needs a formal email that states how much of the PL money each community needs.
- b. **FHWA** – no update

12. Other

- a. **Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**
- b. There is a handout on the table of all the upcoming meeting dates for 2026.
- c. Reema Abi-Akar stated that there is an Open House today from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the East Peoria Library Atrium to share information and receive resident opinions on the Bus Stop Accessibility Plan.

13. Adjournment

Danny Phelan motioned to adjourn. John Kahl seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by Michael Bruner, Senior Planner

Transcribed by Lori Reynolds, Office Administrator