

MINUTES
RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Chuckwagon Restaurant, 113 South 5th Street
Adair, Iowa
1:23 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. at the Chuckwagon Restaurant in Adair, Iowa.

II. Roll Call of Policy Board, Technical Committee and Guests

The following people were present:

Policy Board

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Merlin Dixon
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley
City of Creston	Gary Lybarger

Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Ringgold County	Zachary Gunsolley
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse

Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth

III. Additions to the Agenda

Ambrose asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Upon hearing none, Riley moved to accept and approve the agenda. Lybarger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of the July 12, 2016 Minutes

Twombly moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Public Hearings

- A. Ambrose announced it was time to open the public hearings at 1:30 p.m. Twombly moved to open the first public hearing. Dixon seconded the motion. This hearing is to discuss the **Final RPA 14/ATURA Long Range Transportation Plan – Looking Ahead to 2045**

Nardy incorporated several comments she received from the DOT into the LRTP. Nardy has not received any oral or written comments from the public regarding the LRTP. No comments were made during the hearing. Dixon moved and Twombly seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 1:31 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Dixon moved and Twombly seconded a motion to open a second public hearing at 1:31 to discuss the use of federal transportation funds for the **Amendment to FY2016-2019 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments from the public regarding the use of federal transportation funds for the amendment to the TIP. No comments were made during the hearing. Dixon moved and Twombly seconded a motion to close the public hearing at 1:32. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Action Items

- A. **Resolution Approving and Adopting Final RPA 14/ATURA Long Range Transportation Plan – Looking Ahead to 2045**

The Final RPA 14/ATURA Long Range Transportation Plan was mailed to the Policy Board prior to the meeting for their review. The board members commended Nardy for her extensive work in preparing the LRTP.

Dixon moved to approve the Resolution Approving and Adopting the Final RPA 14/ATURA Long Range Transportation Plan – Looking Ahead to 2045. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution Approving Amendment to FY2016-2019 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

Resolution 2016-1 authorizes Southern Iowa Trolley to use up to \$40,310 in regional STP funds (TPMS #34151) to purchase a 176" 20-passenger bus with 2 wheel chair positions rather than to purchase a minivan, as originally programmed. These regional STP funds, previously programmed by RPA 14/ATURA, will be combined with up to \$39,000 in regional STP funds from RPA 17/Chariton Valley to make this purchase. This vehicle will replace vehicle #82.

Twombly moved to approve the **Resolution Approving Amendment to FY2016-2019 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. Lybarger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Technical Committee

Kauffman reported on Adair County's BR letting on November 15, 2016. With many other projects going to bid, he anticipates higher bids.

Rike informed the board that Taylor County has completed a box culvert and bridge replacement. Both were BR projects.

Adams County has two STP projects. One is an asphalt overlay, which is currently underway. The other is a railroad overpass project. They have accepted the low bid and work will begin this winter.

Gunsolley stated that Ringgold County's ER Weir Project is completed. Since completion, it was put to the test when the area received 7" of rain within two hours. Due to the proper design, the weir held well. They have one upcoming STP bridge project that serves the Blockton area. Letting will be in March of 2017 with construction planned for the summer of 2017. The bridge will be closed approximately 3 to 6 months, as they will need to work on the approaches, also. Gunsolley indicated Ringgold County has several other Federal BR projects with March 2017 lettings, also.

Supervisor, Riley, informed the board that Union County is in the process of hiring a new county engineer. Applications for the position are due by November 18, 2016. They hope to hire an engineer by January 2017. Riley reported that Union County has one bridge project underway in the SE part of the county.

Kruse stated that work is going well on the bridge over McKinley Lake, in the City of Creston. The bridge deck will be poured tomorrow and they hope to do some street work yet this fall if the weather cooperates.

B. Southern Iowa Trolley

In Lester's absence, Nardy reported SIT's ridership is up substantially, 122%, due to Medicare modernization. Union County was the only county in our region without an increase. Because of the increase of ridership, new part-time employees have been hired. They are still in need of a driver for Mount Ayr. SIT ordered two large buses last month and will now order the new bus that was approved by the policy board today.

C. SICOG

1. Regional STP Applications are due December 30, 2016. This includes counties, small cities, and transit.
2. A new TAP application process is being developed by the DOT with a proposed due date of Oct 1, 2017 for FY19-22, with no FY18 applications being accepted. The federal office is questioning the way the DOT handles TAP applications. They are trying to work out a way so RPA's can remain involved in the decision-making process. The DOT is designing a new application for RPA's to score and return to the DOT. Therefore, no new applications will likely be accepted until October 2017.
3. Beginning in FY2020, only ½ of the TAP Flex can be transferred to STP. Currently, all TAP Flex is transferred. This will result in less flexibility. The goal is to use more TAP funds to develop trails and sidewalks.

VIII. Informational Items

There were no additional informational items.

IX. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County

Discussion was held that the next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017 in Taylor County.

X. Adjournment

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40p.m. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date