

MINUTES
RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
The Office
122 North Main Street, Lenox, Iowa
1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. at The Office in Lenox, 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
Ringgold County	Lyle Minnick
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley

Technical Committee

Adair County & Union County	Nick Kauffman
Adams County & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Ringgold County	Zachary Gunsolley
Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

III. Additions to the Agenda

Ambrose inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Twombly moved to accept and approve the agenda. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of the November 8, 2016 Policy Board Minutes

Riley moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 Policy Board meeting. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Action Items

A. Election of officers for Calendar Year 2017

Ambrose announced it was time to accept nominations for the 2017 Policy Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman/Secretary.

Twombly nominated Ambrose to serve as Chairman of the ATURA Policy Board. There were no other nominations. Twombly moved to elect Charles Ambrose as Chairman of the ATURA Policy Board for calendar year 2017. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Riley nominated Twombly to serve as Vice-Chairman/Secretary of the ATURA Policy Board. There were no other nominations. Riley moved to elect John Twombly as Vice-Chairman/Secretary of the ATURA Policy Board for calendar year 2017. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Review STP Applications and make regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding determination:

1. **Application from Southern Iowa Trolley for \$64,733** in FY2018 Regional STP funds for the purchase of a 20-passenger, light duty bus with 1,000 lb. lift. This is a replacement for vehicle #92, an 18-passenger vehicle that was destroyed by a lightning strike. Total project cost is estimated at \$80,917.

a) The balance of STP funds available for programming in FY2018 in the Small City/Transit Fund is \$62,021.

Twombly moved to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee and approve an award of **up to \$62,021.00** in FY2018 Regional STP Funds to Southern Iowa Trolley for the purchase of a 20-passenger bus. Kauffman seconded the motion. All insurance proceeds (estimated to be approximately \$18,000) are to be applied to the cost of this vehicle. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Technical Committee

Kauffman reported on Adair's BR letting. Herberger was the low bidder. In Union County, Herberger is also working on a bridge project.

Rike informed the board that Adams County is done with two STP asphalt overlay projects. They will begin a BRS railway overpass near Nodaway this fall. Taylor County has finished a bridge and a box culvert project.

Gunsolley stated that Ringgold County has completed their weir project. Two box culvert projects will be let in March. They anticipate the high trestle bridge project shared with Taylor County will be let in May. With the turnover of the Ringgold County Engineer, Taylor County will likely be asked to take the lead on the administration of that project using a 28E Agreement, with 50%

reimbursement by Ringgold County. Taylor County will probably do the inspections. Vince Ehlers and Nichole Fox have been consulted about this arrangement.

B. Southern Iowa Trolley

Lester recently visited all of the area counties seeking FY18 support. Taylor and Ringgold Counties donated less last year due to their decrease in ridership. She informed Ringgold County that SIT is going to hire a full time driver for Mount Ayr.

Recently, several drivers in Clarke County are out on medical leave, which has created a temporary shortage of drivers. She also informed the board SIT is in the process of purchasing three new buses.

C. Iowa DOT

Suhr reported the City of Adair 5th Street Bridge project utilizing RPA funds and City Bridge Funds has experienced many difficulties and delays.

D. SICOG

1. Policy Board members reviewed and updated the list of alternates who will serve on the board in their absence.
2. Update on Lenox Trail TAP Project – The City signed Consultant Contract with Snyder & Associates in November and the project is moving along well.

VII. Informational Items

Nardy informed the board that the July 2017 ATURA meeting will be held the 18th of July instead of meeting on the usual second Tuesday of the month. The change of date is due to the 4th of July holiday falling on the first Tuesday and the SICOG Executive Board meeting falling on the second Tuesday.

VIII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County

Unless an item requiring attention comes up before March, the board agreed *not* to hold the March 14th ATURA Meeting. Instead, the next meeting will be held on May 9, 2017 in Union County.

IX. Adjournment

Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date