

**Region 10
Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Via Zoom**

The following members participated:

Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County
Rob Fangmann, Cedar County
Bob Yoder, Washington County
Tracy Seeman, Benton County
Tom Brase, Johnson County
Brad Gaul, Cedar County
Darrin Gage, Linn County

Members Absent:

Vicki Pope, Iowa County
Kevin Heitshusen, Iowa County
Mitch McDonough, Benton County
Vacant, Linn County
Dave Geodken, Jones County
Jaron Rosien, Washington County
Rod Sullivan, Johnson County

Alternates participating:

Jacob Thorius, Washington County

Staff present:

Mary Rump, ECICOG

Others participating:

Cathy Cutler, Iowa DOT
Rob Winstead, Johnson County

1.0 Call to Order

Zirkelbach called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

2.0 Routine Matters

.1 Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Yoder, Gage) to approve agenda. All ayes.

.2 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Fangmann, Yoder) to approve the minutes. All ayes, with Gaul abstaining.

.3 Public Comment

none

3.0 New Business

.1 Election of Officers

Rump noted that current officers include Jon Zirkelbach - Chairperson, Rod Sullivan – Vice Chairperson and Bob Yoder – Secretary. The bylaws allow each officer to serve two consecutive terms. Zirkelbach has served two terms as Chair and is not eligible to serve another. Sullivan and Yoder have each served one term in the respective office and are eligible for re-election.

M/S/C (Zirkelbach, Gage) to nominate and elect Sullivan to serve as Chair and Yoder to serve as Vice Chair. All ayes.

M/S/C (Gaul, Yoder) to nominate and elect Pope to serve as Secretary. All ayes.

.2 Consider Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding Recommendation

Rump reviewed the two applications submitted during the application cycle. She reviewed the recommendation from the Regional Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC) to program \$125,000 for Johnson County Conservations Clear Creek Trail project and \$81,000 for Linn County Conservation's Grant Wood Trail project.

M/S/C (Gage, Seeman) to tentatively program the two projects as recommended by the RTAC. All ayes.

.3 Consider Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding Recommendation

Rump reviewed the recommendation from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to fund four of five applications received, including the applications from the City of Shellsburg, Linn County, Washington County, and the City of Vinton.

M/S/C (Fangmann, Seeman) to tentatively program the four projects as recommended by the TTAC. All ayes.

.4 Review Long Range Transportation Plan Materials

Rump provided an update on the long range plan process. She reviewed the results of the transportation survey and the drafted goals and recommendations/actions. The next step will be to update the draft chapters to include the new information and make it available for public review on the Talk to ECICOG site. Rump will send a final draft to the committee for review as well, and if no changes are required, a public hearing will be scheduled for the July meeting and the committee will be asked to consider approval of the plan.

.3 Consider Amendment to FY 2022-2025 TIP

Rump noted that Johnson County Conservation had requested the amendment to TIP to include a Federal Rec Trail grant award of \$388,000 in fiscal year 2023 for the Clear Creek Trail project. In addition, the City of Wellman requested an amendment to include a City Bridge project award of \$1 million in fiscal year 2022 for the 9th Avenue bridge over Smith Creek.

M/S/C (Gage, Brase) to approve the amendment. All ayes.

4.0 Old Business

None

5.0 Adjournment

M/S/C (Seeman, Gaul) to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM, and tentatively set the next meeting for July 13 at 1:00 PM. Rump will send out a poll to the committee to confirm the date. All ayes.