

**Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
Full Board Minutes
1st Floor Meeting Room B, Memorial Auditorium
March 25, 2010**

Members Present: Sue Frice, Hans Trousil, Gary Folluo, Jim Howell, Paula Buckman, Jim Davidson, David File, Mark Hemen, Michael O'Connor, Mark Huston, Steve Bisenius, and Randy Tillman

Members Absent: Bob Beck, Klay Edwards, Brent Schleisman, Beverly Simone, Byron Smith, and Kent White

Staff Present: Brian Tapp, Mike Norris, Kim Schisel, and Debbie Laughlin

Guests Present: Andy Loonan, IDOT; Brian Nichols & Jeff Abel, News Media

Call to order at 12:03 P.M.

Agenda Approval

Motion by Hemen to approve the March 25, 2010 agenda, second by Howell. All Ayes, motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Schisel explained some of the financial questions raised by board members that pertained to monies that had not yet come in. Tapp highlighted some of the informational correspondence that was included in the board packets, such as the Housing Needs Assessment from the Iowa Finance Authority and "A Regional Delineation for the State of Iowa" from the State of Iowa Office for Planning and Programming. Motion by Trousil to accept the consent agenda, second by Howell. All Ayes, motion passed.

Old Business

1. EDA Grant Status: Tapp stated that he spoke with EDA on Monday, and they asked for some budget numbers. Tapp further stated that the application should be in Washington D.C. this week for review and that they will try to keep the targeted April 15th closing date with the seller. No action necessary.
2. Transportation Stimulus II Update: Norris stated that initially SEIRPC was informed by Iowa DOT that the Stimulus II bill would contain \$27.5 billion for transit and highway construction, and that the revised amount is \$20 billion. He further stated that when IDOT notifies us about the details of the program, we will then communicate directly with the regional entities approved for funding through the competitive application process results that were approved by the Board in January, 2010. Andy Loonan of IDOT stated that he recently attended a meeting, and the outlook was not good in attaining the full amount of funding, but he assured the board that he would keep watching. No action necessary.

New Business

1. Public Hearing: Consolidated Transit Application: Frice opened the Public Hearing at 12:32 p.m. and asked for public comments. Norris stated that there had been an error in the public notice that appeared in the newspaper. Norris handed out a summary of

the Discretionary Capital Program (FTA Section 5309 Program) totaling \$376,700 in Federal Cost and \$83,300 in Local Cost; and New Freedoms (FTA Section 5317 Program) totaling \$299,340 in Federal Cost and \$130,380 in Local Cost; and discussed several of the items on the Consolidated Transit Application. No comments were heard from the public, and a motion was made by Trousil to close the Public Hearing: Consolidated Transit Application at 12:36 p.m., second by O'Connor. All Ayes, motion passed. Norris stated that the Transit Advisory Committee consists of a very diverse group that covers the interests of numerous areas within our region, which identifies Regional Transit Priorities in order to create the Transit Plan. Norris further stated that the local match will be coming from RPC and from the partnering agencies. Motion by Howell to Approve the Consolidated Transit Application, second by Folluo. All Ayes, motion passed.

2. RLF Application: Stotlar stated that Kuckelman Properties, Inc. is requesting \$35,000 from the SEIRPC Revolving Loan Fund as additional capital to bring the space in the lower level of the Historic Hotel Iowa up to code and make it viable for restaurant space. Stotlar stated that the Keokuk RLF committee recently approved a loan for \$25,000 for this project. Stotlar further stated that Kuckelman Properties, Inc. will create 28 positions within one year after operations have started. The SEIRPC Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee have given their approval for the amount of \$35,000 with the following terms: 6 % interest, 10 year amortization, 5 year balloon. O'Connor stated that the Hotel has had a good restaurant in the past, and that this will be a great reuse for downtown Keokuk. Motion by Trousil to Approve the RLF Application for Kuckelman Properties, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000 with terms as recommended by the SEIRPC RLF Committee, second by O'Connor. All Ayes, motion passed.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Andy Loonan, IDOT, stated that the IDOT recently let twelve bridges for the Fort Madison Bypass, and that construction will begin very soon. Tapp Stated that the Great River Region Days D.C. Summit 2010 will be held May 19th and 20th and that meetings are being scheduled with our federal legislators and their staff.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Davidson.
Second by Howell. All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Laughlin

Brian Tapp, Executive Director

Jim Howell, Secretary

Date: _____

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