

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Minutes
211 N. Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA 52655
October 26, 2017

Members Present: Brent Schleisman, Hans Trousil, Mike Ash, and Gary Folluo
Members Absent: Mark Huston
Staff Present: Zach James, Roger Keller, Lori Gilpin, Debbie Laughlin, Dan Eberhardt,
and Sara Hecox

Call to order at 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Schleisman stated that we need to change the agenda for New Business Item #1 as being a public hearing. It was advertised in the paper as a Public Hearing, just not noted as such on the agenda. Motion by Folluo to approve the October 26, 2017 agenda, after changing New Business Item #1 to read: Public Hearing: FFY2018 – FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program, second by Ash. All Ayes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

James mentioned Mike Norris' director report in the packet, and recommended the board look it over in Norris' absence. Motion by Ash to accept the consent agenda, second by Trousil. All Ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Housing Update: Hecox gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board regarding numerous housing programs run by SEIRPC: Multi-Family New Construction; Owner Occupied Rehabilitation; Burlington Neighborhood Stabilization Program; Great River Housing Trust Fund; and HOME Funds. Eberhardt stated that we are one of very few organizations that applied for IFA's Down Payment Program HOME Funds that were able to make this program work. Ash stated it was nice to see all that we are doing. Schleisman stated it was a fantastic update that the board highly appreciates. No action Necessary.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing: FFY2018 – FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Fort Madison Bridge Study: Schleisman opened the Public Hearing at 12:17 p.m. James, Planning Director, stated that we have been working with the Iowa Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Transportation, and the City of Fort Madison on a project to do a study to evaluate alternatives to improve approaches to the Fort Madison Mississippi River Bridge, that would allow 80,000 lb. tractor trailers to use the bridge. Each Department of Transportation has committed to providing federal funds for the project if the City of Fort Madison will provide the local match funds. The Federal Contribution would be \$288,000 (\$144,000 from each State DOT) and the local match contribution would be \$72,000. This change to

the TIP would be a Standard Amendment, and will not impact SEIRPC's regional STBG or TAP funding allocations. Schleisman asked for comments from the public, of which there were none, and no further comments were made. Ash made a motion to close the Public Hearing: FFY2018 - FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Fort Madison Bridge Study at 12:19 p.m., second by Trousil. A roll call vote was taken, all Ayes, motion carried. Trousil made a motion to approve FFY2018 - FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Fort Madison Bridge Study, second by Ash. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

2. FTA Subsidy Update: Keller stated that SEIBUS received word from Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit that they are able to release all pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding contracts that were on hold. This came about after the Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit worked with the Iowa DOT's general counsel and with the U.S. Department of Labor on matters surrounding the enactment of Iowa House File 291 (regarding collective bargaining agreements) to ensure continued compliance with 49 USC 5333(b). No action necessary.

3. Approve Application to Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for HOME Down Payment Program: Eberhardt stated that in 2015 SEIRPC applied successfully to IFA through its HOME Funding Round for the purpose of a down payment assistance program, specifically for the City of Burlington. Due to the program rules and stringent process for verification of payment affordability, very few households were able to qualify for the program. SEIRPC was one of the very few organizations in the State of Iowa that was able to make the program work for 8 applicants due to a wide pool of applicants, a variety of housing available in Burlington, and an aggressive banker. SEIRPC staff is seeking approval from the board to apply again for HOME funds in the amount of \$375,000 to assist at least 10 households in down payment assistance /rehabilitation. SEIRPC is the applicant for the HOME program instead of Burlington, as the general administrative funds can only be awarded to the applicant. Trousil made a motion to Approve Application to Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for HOME Down Payment Program for \$375,000, second by Folluo. All ayes, motion carried.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ash.
Second by Trousil. All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Laughlin

Mike Norris, Executive Director

Mark Huston, Secretary

Date: _____

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