

**Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
Full Board Minutes
211 N. Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA 52655
September 22, 2011**

Members Present: Sue Frice, Hans Trousil, Randy Griffin (alternate for Louisa County), Bob Beck, Bob Hesler, Mark Hemen, Steve Bisenius, Mark Huston, Gary Folluo, Klay Edwards, David File, Phil Thomas, Michael O'Connor,

Members Absent: Jim Howell, Brent Schleisman, Byron Smith, Jim Davidson, Hans Trousil, and Randy Tillman

Guests Present: Sam Shea, IDOT

Staff Present: Mike Norris, Debbie Laughlin, Bob Kuskowski, Jeff Hanan, Kim Schisel, and Zach James

Call to order at 12:01 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Motion by File to approve the September 22, 2011 agenda, second by Hemen. All Ayes, motion passed.

Consent Agenda Approval

Norris updated the board in regard to the ground level space progress in our facility and that we are checking out the mechanicals as we will be entering into the heating season shortly. Motion by Hemen to accept the consent agenda with the typographical correction to the July 27, 2011 minutes (top of 2nd page, the figure should be \$411,280 rather than \$411,28), second by White. All Ayes, motion passed.

Old Business

1. Department Reports: Hanan reported on things that were happening in the Development Department, such as the progress of the Housing Trust Fund projects; and that we are close to reaching our goal for the local match for the GRHTF 2012 application process of which we will be applying for \$252,000. He further stated that Flood Recovery efforts are wrapping up, and that an RLF application will be going to the LRC next week and to the SEIRPC board next month. James highlighted some points from the Planning Department stating that we have launched our new website which was developed by the intern from Iowa State University; staff has started working on a Louisa County Trails Plan; and noted upcoming grant opportunities. Kuskowski handed out a memo regarding the Lee County Status and stated that Lee County filed a suit on September 6th that should be served shortly to 10-15 Transit requesting declaratory judgment to null and void the 28E agreement that Lee County is currently said to be obligated, and we are awaiting the outcome of the legal action. Kuskowski stated that Old Threshers Reunion and the Fort Madison Rodeo were both successful, and they each increased their ridership from last year by more than 150 rides each. No action necessary.
2. Draft Public Participation Plan: James explained that the Public Participation Plan update is much more detailed to provide better guidance and expectations for involving the public in the regional transportation planning process. We are required to have a 45-day public comment period before final approval, and public notice was given yesterday, allowing the

final draft Public Participation Plan to be presented at the November Full Board Meeting. No action necessary.

3. Traffic Speed Indicators Update: James stated that staff has contacted communities about their interest in participating in the traffic speed indicators program, and have received 7 entities that are willing to participate. He further stated that staff is working on updating cost estimates, contacting communities about final costs, and amending the Transportation Planning Work Program to include the purchase of the speed indicators. James stated that there should be more details at the November Full Board Meeting. No action necessary.
4. CEDS UPDATE: Norris stated that the first meeting of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Steering Committee we held on September 1st which went well with excellent input for the public input portion of the plan, such as wanting more targeted input and more personal interviews. He further stated that the public input should be completed by the end of December, with the CEDS Steering Committee work starting in February. No action necessary.
5. Governor's 2020 Citizens Advisory Panel: Norris stated that he attended another Governor-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held locally last night at Iowa Wesleyan College. He further stated that he noticed at both meetings he attended that no one was against more revenues and that they all seemed that they would support a gas tax hike. Norris stated that the purpose of this committee is to review current levels of the road use tax fund and the sufficiency of those revenues for the projected construction and maintenance needs of city, county, and state governments in the future. No action necessary.
6. Golf Outing Update: Norris stated that we currently have 65 individuals signed up that will be playing in the SEIRPC golf tournament. Norris further stated that the \$2500 net proceeds goal is within reach for the Great River Housing Trust Fund. No action necessary.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

David File passed out brochures for the Southeast Iowa LEAD (Leadership Excellence & Development) Institute for the Leadership Training Program that will start in December at Iowa Wesleyan College.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Huston, second by Folluo. All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Laughlin

Mike Norris, Executive Director

Jim Howell, Secretary

Date: _____

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