



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, April 15, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room B190, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: John Chapman, Village of Holmen; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Mark Johnsrud, City of La Crosse; Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska. **Members Excused:** Mike Weibel, Town of Medary alternate. **Others Present:** Keith Carlson, John Boland, Jennifer Kuderer, Nancy Proctor, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: John Chapman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2009 LAPC Meeting:

Mark Johnsrud motioned to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public Comment:

None.

3) Welcome New Policy Board Members:

Tom Faella stated that we will have four new policy board members: Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen, and Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska, who were in attendance, and Matt Harter, City of La Crosse and Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. They will be officially invited to the next policy board meeting.

4) Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2009 – 2011:

Because not all of the new members had begun their terms yet, the board decided to defer this item until the next meeting when all could be in attendance.

5) Status of Round 1 and Round 2 Wisconsin American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Stimulus) applications:

Tom Faella summarized the activities of Rounds 1 and 2 of the Wisconsin ARRA application process. Only one STP-Urban project (Oak Avenue South in Onalaska and La Crosse) was eligible for funding in Round 1; WisDOT funded it at its full amount of \$1.3M. There were five enhancement projects submitted, but none of them were funded. For Round 2 funding, local municipalities have submitted one Local Bridge, eight Enhancement, two STP-U, and one STP-Rural projects. The County Highway Commissioner takes responsibility for the local bridge project and the STP-R project is outside of the planning area. The TAC prioritized the two STP-U projects at its meeting at 2:30 p.m., with the CTH B project ranking first and the Losey Blvd project ranking second. The BPAC will be prioritizing the enhancement projects once they have all been received by the LAPC staff office. WisDOT asked that the two STP-U projects be prioritized as soon as possible.

Lynnetta Kopp motioned to accept the TAC's recommendation of ranking the CTH B project as number 1 and the Losey Blvd project as number 2. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

6) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for ARRA Funding:

Tom Faella stated that the changes in the TIP reflect additional funding for transit projects, identification of projects selected for ARRA funding, and the removal of projects that weren't funded in Round 1 of the ARRA process. Keith Carlson noted a need for a correction. The illustrative list included two buses, but one of the buses should be moved into the TIP because it has been funded.

Dave Paudler motioned to approve Resolution 4 – 2009 Amending the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program for the La Crosse / La Crescent Planning Area with the change to the TIP as suggested by Keith Carlson. Mark Johnsrud seconded. All were in favor.

7) 2010 Aerial Photography Program:

Tom Faella stated that he is planning for the LAPC to purchase new aerial photography in 2010 with LAPC cash reserves and asked that the board approve his sending a letter of intent. The letter does not commit to the purchase but will allow the vendor to prepare for the project. Mr. Faella estimated the cost would be \$89,000 for vertical and oblique aerial imagery and anticipates that WisDOT would help fund this effort. If we do not receive additional funding, Mr. Faella would recommend the project be scaled back. The final products will be available to the member communities at no charge.

Dennis Manthei motioned to approve sending a letter of intent to purchase aerial photography. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

8) Other business; Adjourn, Next meeting to be announced:

Tom Faella recognized John Chapman for his many years as a member and the Chairman of the LAPC and presented him with a plaque. Because Terry Houlihan and Stan Hauser were not in attendance, Tom would mail them their plaques of recognition.

Lynnetta Kopp motioned to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.