



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, January 20, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the La Crosse Center Ballroom, 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse.

Members Present: Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Steve Doyle, La Crosse County. **Members Absent:** None.

Members Excused: Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. **Others Present:** John Boland, Paul Wydeven, Craig Falkum, JoLynn Rihn, Charlie Handy, Jason Gilman, Bob Crooks, Christina Peterson, Bridget Karl, Bob Haines, Jarrod Holter, Jeff Brudos, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Lynnetta Kopp called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the November 18, 2009 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public comment relative to agenda items, with a 5-minute time limit per comment:

None.

3) Resolution 1 – 2010:

Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 1 – 2010 approving the Minnesota State Grant Agreement for Distribution of State Planning Funds and the Minnesota Agreement for Distribution of Consolidated Planning Grant Funds for 2010. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

4) Resolution 2 – 2010:

Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 2 – 2010 supporting the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission and the Empire Builder Coalition in advocating for the existing “River Route” as the preferred alternative for High Speed Rail between the Twin Cities and Chicago. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

5) Local Studies Program for 2010:

Tom Faella stated that they had originally budgeted \$80,000 for aerial photography, but that grants and cost sharing will fund the entire project. With an excess of around \$7,200, Tom suggested transferring those funds to the local studies program and using \$1,000 to supplement the \$5,000 anticipated cost for traffic counters.

Dave Paudler motioned to approve transferring excess funds from the aerial photography program to the local studies program and to use an additional \$1,000 for traffic counters. Mike Poellinger seconded. All were in favor.

6) Dresbach Bridge Presentation:

Craig Falkum from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) provided an overview of the I-90 Dresbach Bridge project. He discussed the benefits, cost, and risks and other aspects of the project.

7) Other business; Director’s report; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

Tom Faella updated the board on staff activities. He stated that he has been advocating heavily for the regional rail and for local desires in the Dresbach Bridge project. Jackie is working on the regional bike plan for which a draft document should be available in April.

Lynnetta Kopp asked about the CapX2020 project. Tom Faella stated the river crossing is currently planned for Alma. The line would continue through Galesville to an upgraded substation in Holmen. Nancy Proctor added that

representatives from Holmen would be lobbying against the location of the substation in Holmen because according to the plan it would sit in the middle of a TIF district planned for commercial and residential development.

Tom Faella noted that the STH 33 project was progressing. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held a public information meeting at which local residents could comment on the plan. WisDOT plans to reduce part of the urban section of the roadway from a 4-lane facility to a 3-lane facility (2 travel lanes and a middle turn lane) with undesignated bike lanes and widened shoulders on Irish Hill. He also noted that Shelby was looking to have an underpass constructed under STH 33 near the park so that pedestrians could cross STH 33 safely from the north sidewalk to the park.

Nancy Proctor motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.