

Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee
LaPorte County
February 25, 2020
Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Jay Sullivan, Beth Shrader, Tom Casey, Nick Minich, Beth West, Mitch Bishop, Shannon Eason, Skylar York, Robin Tillman.

NIRPC staff in attendance were Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Flor Baum.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Charles called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

There was a correction in the minutes for the North South Corridor study project. The Corridor project was approved for an additional \$57,000.00. With those corrections made, on motion by Beth Shrader and second by Mitch Bishop, the November 26, 2019 TROC LaPorte meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Kevin Polette explained to the committee that all public meetings, including TROC, will be live streamed via YouTube. However, there have been technical difficulties. Therefore, the TROC LaPorte meeting for February 25, 2020 will not be streamed.

2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

- The LaPorte Singing Sands project, phase 4, Des #1592335 request for funds has been tabled for the next meeting. The environmental document will be completed by June 1, 2020. The letting date has been moved out to 2023.
- Charles will reach out to INDOT regarding PYB funds being moved to 2021.
- Charles and the committee finished balancing the Spending Plan spreadsheet.
 - Des # 1601867; Chessie Trail II request for \$100,00.00 has been added to PE. Engineers will provide an updated amendment to the LPA consultant contract. As soon as that is approved, the FMIS request will be submitted.
 - Jay requested \$54,000.00 in LID for the Lofgrene Road project. Jay also requested a partial CO for PE of \$32,015.00 in federal money for Johnson Road. 400 N project needs \$7430.00 additional CN for the lighting at the intersection. Jay request \$15,200.00 for the Lincoln Trail project. A CO for CN was requested for Prairie Sidewalks, totaling \$13,481.15.
 - The committee agreed to eliminate the Woodland Ave project to free up funding. The request will be put in writing and emailed to Charles.
 - Busses will be obligated 3 months earlier in 2020.
 - Skylar will confirm with administration, regarding Des #1902688, Woodland RR crossing about eliminating the project.

New Business

- Tom Casey will be the new city planner of La Porte, starting March 10th.
- Beth West is the new manager for La Porte Transportation.

Announcement

- The additional dollars received for La Porte County Corridor has been used for public relations. The website is now live: www.laportecorridor.com .
- The committee agreed to hold a non-public meeting to address the timeline of the projects. Nick will set up the meeting and invite the committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the LaPorte Parks and Recreation Department.