

SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m. APO Chair Joe Perske presided with the following members:

Raeanne Danielowski	Sherburne County
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Rick Schultz	City of Saint Joseph
Jeff Westerlund	LeSauk Township
Paul Brandmire	City of Saint Cloud
Jared Gapinski	Benton County
Tim Elness	City of Sartell

Also in attendance were:

Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
James Stapfer	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Amber Blattner	Saint Cloud APO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Schultz motioned to approve the agenda, and Ms. Seamans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No members of the public were in attendance.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2021 Policy Board Meeting (Attachment A)
- b. Approve Bills Lists (Attachments B1 – B4)
- c. Approve Annual Resolution on Investment Procedures (Attachment C)
- d. Approve Annual Resolution on Paying Certain Claims (Attachment D)
- e. Approve Annual Resolution on Official Newspaper of Record (Attachment E)
- f. Receive Staff Report on Area Transportation Partnership Meeting (Attachment F)
- g. Receive Report Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Attendance for 2021 (Attachment G)
- h. Receive Report on Policy Board Meeting Attendance for 2021 (Attachment H)

Mr. Brandmire motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elect Officers for 2022

Chair Perske reviewed the current officers (Joe Perske – Chair; Raeanne Danielowski – 1st Vice Chair; Ryan Fitzthum – 2nd Vice Chair; Paul Brandmire – 3rd Vice Chair) and the bylaws for the officer terms. Mr. Perske said he would like to stay in his position as Chair. Mr. Gibson announced that Mr. Elness will be the new rep for the City of Sartell replacing Mr. Fitzthum.

Mr. Brandmire motioned to leave the board members as is for another term, replacing Mr. Fitzthum with Mr. Elness. Mr. Gapinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appoint Representative to Area Transportation Partnership

Ms. Johnson reviewed the need for an APO representative to be elected for the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership, noting that Mr. Perske, Ms. Danielowski, and Mr. Daniel are not eligible to be the representative. Mr. Brandmire filled in as the representative in 2021 and is willing to continue as the representative in 2022.

Mr. Gapinski motioned to approve having Mr. Brandmire continue as the representative. Ms. Seamans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Receive Southwest Beltline Corridor Study & Approve Resolutions

Mr. Gibson reviewed the history of the Southwest Beltline Corridor study. This portion of the beltline would connect 33rd Street & MN-15 interchange to CSAH 75 somewhere between St. Joseph and Waite Park. Mr. Gibson reviewed the process of public input from community members and landowners to find out where the corridor should be preserved. There were three main alternatives provided. Mr. Gibson is asking for acceptance of the corridor study and approval of a resolution committed to using it as a planning guide. Mr. Brandmire asked if 33rd was the line or if the beltline would go further south. Mr. Gibson confirmed the beltline will go to 33rd. Mr. Schultz said they did not provide any good alternatives for St. Joseph, and they need to look north of 75 to be involved and that this plan doesn't go far enough to be beneficial for them and would cut through their industrial park. Mr. Westerlund asked for clarification on where the industrial park is located. Mr. Schultz said to the east of the Tamarack building the St. Joseph industrial park. Mr. Gibson said that he could budget for a St. Joseph planning study in 2023 to resolve this issue.

Mr. Gibson said all options eventually connect to 133. Mr. Brandmire said locations need to be marked off so that land is not built on. Mr. Schultz said the rest of the plan looks like it would work but more needs to be done north of 75. Mr. Perske suggested that this be added to the agenda for February for the board to look at options for St. Joseph.

Mr. Gapinski motioned to postpone this agenda item until February. Ms. Seamans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gibson noted that congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and he will present a summary of the bill at the February meeting. Mr. Gibson will also review the results of the household travel survey at the February meeting. Ms.

Johnson noted that MnDOT is working on a rail crossing safety study and people should provide feedback.

Mr. Perske discussed an ATP meeting he attended with Ms. Johnson, Ms. Danielowski, and Mr. Brandmire regarding how money for the Corridors of Commerce program was disbursed throughout the state. MnDOT is looking for input on proposed changes intended to get more of the money out to greater Minnesota. MnDOT is in the middle of repositioning the formula to determine the area that is greater Minnesota. Mr. Perske said the APO should come up with a consolidated statement so that the St. Cloud APO gets their fair share. Ms. Danielowski and Mr. Brandmire added that they agree with Mr. Perske. Mr. Gibson said he would draft a letter and bring it to the board in February. Mr. Elness added that other cities must be in the same boat (ex. Brainerd, Duluth) and the APO could create a consolidated letter. Ms. Johnson added that they award approximately \$200M dollars and they are seeking input on allocating those dollars and what the definition of what greater Minnesota looks like so they don't make the same mistakes of 2018. Mr. Gibson suggested sayings something like 50% for the Twin Cities, not more than 25% for collar counties surrounding the Twin Cities, and not less than 25% for Greater Minnesota. Mr. Elness asked when the letter should be written. Ms. Johnson said project solicitation will begin in August so they would like comments prior to that, and she will check with Program Director Patrick Weidemann when public comment will be concluded.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.