

Minutes
Rural Task Force 10B (Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford)
December 14, 2020
10:00am – Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Mark Sohlden (Manistee RC), Kelly Bekken (Missaukee RC), Karl Hansen (Wexford RC), Josh Grab (MDOT), Carrie Thompson (WexExpress), Richard Strevey (Manistee Bus), Mathew Cooke (Networks Northwest), Heather Jensen (Missaukee Transit), Heather Bowden (MDOT)

1. Introductions

Kelly Bekken, Missaukee County, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approval of agenda/meeting minutes

Motion to approve the December 14, 2020 agenda and May 6, 2020 minutes by Mark Sohlden, supported by Karl Hansen.

Motion approved by all members in attendance.

3. RTF updates

Josh Grab provided updates on the Rural Task Force program:

- STP and State D monies are out. STP was a bit lower than anticipated and State D was about 16 to 17% down.
- New 1799 and 1797 forms to be used for new jobs and change requests
 - Non-local LAP amounts on form – if you have the information please provide, if not leave blank and default amounts will take place (10% PE phase, 15% CE Phase-found to be standard across State)
- 2021 Monthly meetings for the RTF program are out.
 - Anyone may attend meetings. If interested, please let Mathew Cooke know and he will forward you the information.
- MichiganRTF.Com has the recorded meetings
 - Website also has two webinars from the fall. One is on the STIP process and the other is on filling out 1799 and 1797 forms.
 - Webinar on programming jobs will be released soon.
- State D money older than 3 years is no longer allowed.
- LFFE Program has grown in popularity, but this year the numbers are down. This was affected by COVID uncertainties and the buying counties being more urban counties who are running out of rural roads to use purchased funds on.
 - RTF changes result in rural money being able to be used for urban projects now.

Kelly Bekken mentioned that the State D reduction seemed high. Josh Grab said that State D amounts were “sacrificed” so that MTF could keep their typical amounts. Mark Sohlden asked if new forms were

needed for FY21, 22, and 23 projects. Josh Grab said that no, unless a job is new or there is a change request.

4. 2020-2023 Revision/Update of TIP projects

Mathew Cooke noted that Karl Hanson had balanced Missaukee and Wexford Counties STP allocations and that Manistee needed to make up \$8,301 to make RTF 10B constraint. He also added that Karl Hanson requested changes to the All Season Network in Wexford. Specifically, the proposed route change was to include 9 Road from 4 Road to County Line Road and County Line Road from 9 Road to County Road 633/13 Road.

Mathew Cooke asked if Grant Traverse County/RTF 10C should approve the all season network proposal. Josh Grab said that would be a good idea to cover all bases as it is a border road. Karl Hanson also mentioned that 13 Road from M-37 to County Line Road is already all season. Kelly Bekken asked why another all season road so close to another. Karl Hansen said it was a heavy traffic area and they would like to do all of 9 Road as all season.

Motion to add 9 Road (from 4 Road to County Line Road) and County Line Road (from 9 Road to CR 633/13 Road) by Carrie Thompson, seconded by Mark Sohlden.

Motion Carries – Unanimous

Mark Sohlden said he had a pre-construction meeting upcoming and hoped for a February 5th letting. He said the biddable package has been submitted, but Josh Grab said a change request will be needed to reflect the updated target values.

Motion to allow Wexford County to borrow up to \$4,000 of Manistee County's State D if needed by Kelly Bekken, seconded by Mark Sohlden.

Motion Carries- Unanimous

5. Public Comments

None.

Mathew Cooke will send out a poll for the next meeting in April.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.