

# Rural Task Force 10A Fall 2025 Meeting

## Draft Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

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The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chair Burt Thompson.

### I. Introductions

#### ***In person:***

Allen Musall, Antrim County Road Commission  
Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission, *Chair*  
Cassidy Robarts, Networks Northwest  
Christina Kretschmer, Antrim County Transit  
Doug Varney, City of Boyne City  
James Vanek, Charlevoix County Road Commission  
Lisa Hoig, Friendship Centers of Emmet County  
Pat Weeks, Charlevoix County Road Commission  
Sam Demel, City of Boyne City

#### ***Online:***

Brian Stark, MDOT  
Joe Kroll, Charlevoix County Transportation Authority/Ironton Ferry

### II. Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Lisa Hoig, supported by Pat Weeks. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the September 29, 2025 meeting were presented.

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Christina Kretschmer, supported by James Vanek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

### IV. Charlevoix County (JN214822) Change Request

James Vanek reported that this change request would change the project from Thumb Lake Road reconstruct to Boyne City Road single chip and fog seal. There is no change in funding.

*Motion to approve the change request as presented by Sam Demel, supported by Lisa Hoig. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

**V. Emmet County (JN223591) Change Request**

Cassidy Robarts reported on behalf of Emmet County Road Commission that this change request would change the project's major work type from "164 - asphalt reconstruct" to "167- crush and shape and asphalt resurfacing" with no change in funding.

*Motion to approve the change request as presented by Pat Weeks, supported by Allen Musall. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

**VI. Antrim County Transportation (JN214811) Change Request**

Christina Kretschmer reported that this change request would change the project, scope, and description to facility improvements, specifically to change the project from bus rolling stock to removing and replacing the exterior steel walls, soffit, and fascia on the transit facility and replacing exterior signage. There is no change in funding.

*Motion to approve the change request as presented by Pat Weeks, supported by Sam Demel. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

**VII. Illustrative List Additions - None.**

**VIII. Public Comments**

Brian Stark reported that he is working on the bid savings report and recommended that any available bid savings be formally allocated to a project so they are fully utilized.

He noted the federal aid buyout program has closed and, with just under \$50 million available, all submitted projects are expected to be funded, pending criteria review.

Brian clarified that TDFD direct distribution grants do not need to be committed at project submittal and will likely be addressed once 2027 TDFD numbers are available (expected end of December).

He explained the use of ACC (advanced construct) funding and August redistribution, indicating that RTFs may be able to use August redistribution to move FY 2027 ACC funding forward, provided there is sufficient carryover.

Following this discussion, the following motion was made:

*Motion to allocate any available bid savings to Antrim County Transportation for their project(s) to ensure the funds are fully utilized by Lisa Hoig, supported by Pat Weeks. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.*

There was no further public comment.

**IX. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned by Burt Thompson at 11:15am.*