

## RURAL TASK FORCE 10-A

### MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2021 1:00 pm

Boyne City Hall | 319 N Lake St, Boyne City, MI 49712

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2319295000>

Meeting ID: 231 929 5000 | +1 (646)876-9923

*In Attendance: Burt Thompson (Antrim County Road Commission), Al Meacham (Antrim County Transit), Jim Vanek (Charlevoix County Road Commission), Pat Harmon (Charlevoix County Road Commission), Jill Drury (Charlevoix County Transit), Ryan Novotny (Charlevoix County Transit), Josh Grab (MDOT), Mathew Cooke (Networks Northwest), Hannah Yurk (Networks Northwest), Burt Thompson (Antrim County Road Commission), Lisa Hoig (Emmet County Transit), Tracy Fisher (Kalkaska Public Transit), Tim Faas (Boyne City), Brian Gutowski (Emmet County Road Commission), John Rogers (Kalkaska County Road Commission), Dan Wagner (MDOT), Heather Bowden (MDOT)*

#### I. Call to Order / Introductions

Brian Gutowski called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Those in attendance were introduced to one another.

#### II. Approval of Agenda / Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the December 16, 2021 agenda and April 22nd, 2021 meeting minutes by Tim Faas and supported by Jim Vanek. Motion approved by all members in attendance.**

#### III. Rural Task Force updates (MDOT)

Josh Grab provided updates regarding the change to the Fast Act to become the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA). He explained that it is looking like a 20% to 30% increase to the STP, which would be for the fiscal years 2022 to 2026, but it is unknown if the amount for 2022 will be increased yet. Josh stated that if you have an illustrative list or if the project will be increasing or decreasing less than 25% an email vote could occur to make adjustments. Additional meetings could be held to approve projects and costs if needed. No updated timelines on when the RTF will be provided the numbers were given but Josh will share as soon as he has them.

Additionally, Josh provided an overview of the State D funds this year, where it is looking a little different due to early obligations that were requested as a change several years ago per a survey. Josh explained the 3 year carry over for the State D funds.

Josh Grab stated that if the RTF has an ACUB boundary or urban boundaries that there is special eligibility for local exchanges between different RTF counties to utilize them for urban roads. This program is first come first served.

Lastly, Josh provided information regarding the COVID funds, now called the CRRSAA funds which are the same as the HIP funds. It was shared that these funds can be used for road projects or can be used for special eligible projects. It was explained that if used for a special eligibility, it will have to be reflected in the minutes and a Montcalm example worksheet will have to be provided.

#### IV. 2023-2026 Revision / Update of STIP projects

Mathew Cooke expressed the FY2022 for all counties are over on their STP amounts so adjustments will need to be made to projects.

##### Antrim County

FY22 project on Atwood Road was decreased and will be sold to Macomb county. It was expressed that Antrim County will be using the special eligibility for their CRSSA funds of \$189,791.

Heather had a question for AI regarding the bus and a van replacement in FY22, which AI stated yes to both replacements.

FY23 - No changes

FY24 - No changes

FY25 - No changes

FY26 - No changes

##### Charlevoix County

FY22 project for the Thumb Lake Road was decreased for STP, and the State D funds were increased for this project for the county.

FY23 - No changes

FY24 - No changes, but Hannah Yurk and Mathew Cooke will reach out to the city to East Jordan regarding that their project was rewarded.

FY25 - No changes, but it was asked regarding the City of Charlevoix project since this project has been extended several times.

FY26 - No changes

#### Emmet County

FY22 project for Levering Road was decreased and will be sold to Oakland County.

FY23 - No changes but it was discussed that it will be sold to Oakland County.

FY24 - No changes but it was discussed that it will be sold to Oakland County.

FY25 - No changes but it was discussed that it will be sold to Oakland County.

FY26 - No changes

#### Kalkaska County

FY22 project for 72 to Grass Lake was decreased in the STP. Additionally, the CR 571 Project in FY21 will be utilizing State D funds and CRRSA funds to support this project.

FY23 - No changes

FY24 - No changes

FY25 - No changes

FY26 - No changes

**Motion by Jill Drury, seconded by Pat Harmon, to approve the funding amounts and changes discussed in this agenda item. Motion approved by all members in attendance.**

Antrim CRC will use the full amount of \$189,791 in COVID Relief funding for coverage of other revenue loss from MTF.

**Motion to approve Antrim CRC COVID funding of \$189,791 to cover other revenue loss from MTF was moved by Burt Thompson and supported by Pat Harmon. Motion approved by all members in attendance.**

#### V. Public Comments

No public comments were provided.

The illustrative projects were reviewed. On the "Illustrative Project" tab all of Charlevoix transit projects were removed, and all of Emmet County projects were removed. Emmet County added the Lake Shore Drive project, which is from State Road to Sturgeon Bay Drive of STP of \$1,400,000.

**Motion to approve the illustrative list as discussed was moved by Tim Faas and supported by Jill Drury. Motion approved by all members in attendance.**

Heather Bowden stated for transit that they should be seeing additional funding due to the IJA funding.

Mathew Cooke expressed that when the additional funding comes available that another meeting could take place in January or February via Zoom to make adjustments as necessary.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.