RTF 10B April 2026 Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:08pm by Chair Karl Hanson.

I. Introductions

Karl Hanson, Wexford County Road Commission
Heather Harris-Bryant, Missaukee COA
Brad Dahlstrom, Wexford County Road Commission
Keith Moore, Manistee County Road Commission
Carrie Thompson, WexExpress
Julie Stec, Manistee County Transportation
Brian Stark, MDOT
Cassidy Robarts, Networks Northwest

II. Approval of Agenda

An addition to the agenda was requested by Keith Moore for Manistee County's JN223913.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Carrie Thompson, supported by Keith Moore. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting were presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Carrie Thompson, supported by Heather Harris-Bryant. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Wexford County (JN225424) Change Request

Karl Hanson presented a change request to reclassify JN225424 from preventive maintenance to a 3R project. The project limits and funding remain unchanged.

Motion to approve the change request as presented by Carrie Thompson, supported by Keith Moore. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Manistee County (JN223913) Change Request

Keith Moore presented a change request for Manistee County's 2027 project, originally set up as a countywide chip seal project for approximately $750,000. Keith requested to change the project's scope to an overlay on Coates Highway, maintaining the same programmed dollar amounts and adjusting the project limits to fit that corridor.

Motion to approve the change request as presented by Karl Hanson, supported by Julie Stec. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comments

Brian Stark reported that several asphalt projects are coming in under bid, resulting in bid savings, including one project with about $200,000 in RTF funds that cannot be used by that region this year. They explained that the RTF is looking for other areas that might be able to use those savings, but timing and programming constraints make it difficult to shift projects quickly enough, especially this late in the year. Participants talked about how some regions manage to let projects early, which allows them to know about bid savings sooner and use them more effectively. Overall, the comments highlighted concerns about how to better utilize bid savings and coordinate project timing across RTFs so that funds are not lost to carryover.

Brian also noted that there will be a fall RTF training with exact dates and locations to be announced in the next couple of months.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm by Karl Hanson.

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