

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 19, 2006**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

Dave Bergdahl, Ralph Paarlberg, Dennis Peters, Chad Miller and Mel Blanchette

Others:

Mike Lammey, Kankakee County; David Hinderliter, Kankakee River Valley Chamber of Commerce and Melissa Bengé of Lisa Dugan's office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 10:09 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Miller moved approval of the November 17, 2005 Minutes, and Mr. Peters seconded. Unanimous vote.

**AIRPORT UPDATE**

Mr. Hinderliter reviewed a presentation that was made to the Will County Board at their January 17 meeting. The presentation focused on five areas not addressed in material that had been submitted to the FAA for review. Those five areas were:

- Governance
- Finance
- Marketing
- Land-Use
- Infrastructure & Services

Mr. Hinderliter answered a number of questions from Subcommittee members, dealing with the history and current status of a number of issues related to the airport development. Vice-Chairman Bergdahl thanked Mr. Hinderliter for his informative presentation.

**6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey reported that the FHWA had asked for additional information from IDOT, and that this has delayed the deadline for the Access Justification Report ruling from FHWA.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Lammey reported that the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the County Board unanimously at their November 8, 2005 meeting. He stated that the Land Use Subcommittee would discuss training sessions on the adopted plan at their meeting later this afternoon.

## **COMMUTER RAIL**

Mr. Lammey stated that the application for the Phase II funding was submitted to IDOT on December 15. He stated that proposals are due from 13 consulting firms on January 23, and that interviews of the final four consultants would be conducted by the Commuter Rail Task Force on February 21.

## **INTERSTATE 57 CORRIDOR STUDIES**

Mr. Lammey stated that he had spoken with Mr. Husak this morning and learned that 6 counties are involved in the Interstate 57 Corridor Study. Mr. Husak had stated that the project website will be available for review to the group on January 20.

## **ILLIANA-6000 N. ROAD-ILLINOIS TOMORROW APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Lammey stated that staff from Kankakee and Will Counties had pursued a joint Illinois Tomorrow grant application for an east-west roadway to connect Interstates 55, 57, and 65 at the County Line, and that Kankakee County had approved the joint application. He stated that the Will County Board decided not to approve a joint application. Mr. Peters asked if there was a reason for the Will County action, and Mr. Lammey replied that Will County did not wish to be a sponsor to any activity which had the potential to undermine their support of the Illiana Expressway in its current location.

Mr. Lammey stated that a substitute application had been submitted by Kankakee County which would connect Warner Bridge Road with Interstate 57 and Interstate 65 in Indiana roughly along the 12000 N. Road area in Kankakee County. He stated that a north-south roadway in the area of Exline Road would be part of the study, to connect the 12000 N Road area to the 6000 N. Road planned roadway.

Mr. Lammey also stated that there had been two other Illinois Tomorrow applications from the area, both submitted by the City of Kankakee. The first is for planning funding to cover the third and fourth phases of the bikeway from the Illinois State Park to the Water Park south of Kankakee.

The second application from the City of Kankakee is for economic development in the area of the Kankakee Airport. Mr. Lammey stated that the Airport Master Plan just developed has restrictions on how land adjacent to the Airport can be developed, but that the property owners had never been contacted. Mr. Hinderliter stated that the Airport represents a significant local resource that needs to have activity in the economic development area. He stated that the hanger area in the Airport has been fully leased, and Mr. Lammey stated that the potential for industrial park development in the area has not been fully explored. Mr. Peters asked about “free trade zone” possibility around the Airport, and Mr. Hinderliter agreed that this had numerous

possibilities.

### **WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the current Work Program for 2006 focuses on the joint Illinois Tomorrow application with Will County, and he asked that this work activity be amended to reflect reality. Mr. Blanchette moved the amendment, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl stated that the next meeting date would be March 16, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Blanchette moved adjournment, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Vice-Chairman Bergdahl adjourned the meeting at 11:46 A.M.