

MINUTES

KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSIT WORK GROUP (#5)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010 @ 2:00 PM

Members in attendance: Loretto Cowhig, David Bergdahl, Tim Schmidt and Lisa Dugan.

Others in attendance: Jim Greenstreet, Mike Lammey and Kevin Owens.

1. Mr. Lammey opened the meeting at 2:06 PM and explained the purpose of the Work Group.
2. Public Comment – None
3. Mr. Lammey presented information on the past Commuter Transit Studies that have been completed. The next study would have a price-tag of \$2 million. Funding for the next phase has not yet been sought.
4. The current METRO Bus service to University Park allows for overnight parking at METRO Centre, with 1600 riders per month. The planned extension of METRA train service to Peotone is still being discussed. Representative Dugan will contact METRA's Ed Paesel to find out the status of those plans.
5. Mr. Lammey led discussion on the proposed High Speed Rail possibly going through Kankakee County. Mr. Schmidt presented his prior discussions on the topic as to why the Kankakee route would be better than the Joliet route proposed.
6. Mr. Lammey explained the work group structure, discussing the need to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Ms. Cowhig nominated Mr. Bergdahl to be Chair, seconded by Representative Dugan. With no other nominations, Mr. Bergdahl was elected Chairman. Ms. Cowhig nominated Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Representative Dugan. With no other nominations, Mr. Schmidt was elected Vice-Chairman.
7. Mr. Bergdahl led discussion on what this workgroup should encompass. The general consensus was to include all manner of transportation, and therefore, change the name of the workgroup to "Transit Work Group". River Valley METRO Mass Transit District will be invited to present to this Work Group's next meeting.
8. Adjournment: Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Representative Dugan. Motion passed. Mr. Bergdahl adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.

MEMBERS: Ms. Dunbar, Ms. Cowhig, Mr. Bergdahl, Representative Dugan, Mr. Schmidt