## **MINUTES**

# KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

February 21, 2013

## IN ATTENDANCE

#### Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Presiding; Loretto Cowhig; Ralph Paarlberg; Craig Blanchette; David Bergdahl; George Washington; Jeff Jarvis and Craig Bayston.

#### Others:

Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department.

## CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Washington made a motion to combine the two minutes for the purpose of approval. Seconded by Mr. Paarlberg. Motion carried. Mr. Bayston made a motion to accept the minutes from October 11, 2012 and January 8, 2013 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried..

#### ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey discussed a letter County Board Chairman Michael Bossert had received from the Illiana Corridor Partners for Progress study. This letter confirms the B3 corridor as being recommended for the Illiana planning process to continue into the Tier Two phase of study. Mr. Lammey is inviting consultants for the Illiana Study to give a presentation at the April 18 meeting of this committee.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lammey announced the Safety Workshop was held January 31, 2013 at the Weber Leadership Center at Olivet Nazarene University. IDOT State Safety Engineer/Bureau Chief Priscilla Tobias presented crash data for a five year period and discussed strategies and countermeasures that may be useful in reducing the number of traffic crashes and fatalities in our county. Participation included members of this committee, the coroner's office, Illinois State Police, the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, several fire departments, public works or street

departments, driver's education representatives and others.

Mr. Bayston stated the meeting was an eye opener and well worth his time to attend. Mr. Washington stated that traffic safety is an ongoing process that is extremely important and that bringing these people together helps since people just don't know how to give input on their concerns.

The intention is to form a County Safety Committee to include people from Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Engineering, and Education to address these issues. Mr. Lammey stated that we will continue forward with establishing the Safety Committee, and that it would be appointed as a subcommittee through the MPO organization.

#### LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey reported the need for a consultant to work on the next Long Range Transportation Plan. There is the possibility of getting a grant from IDOT for this purpose, and asked for this committee to recommend applying for the grant to the County Board. Mr. Bergdahl made the motion to request County Board approval to apply for grant funds for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare the next Long-Range Transportation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Lammey stated there has been interest in resuming discussions with METRA for commuter transit service to Kankakee County.

Mr. Greenstreet announced IDOT will host a Public Information Meeting on the I-57 / Court Street Interchange reconstruction plans to be held March 19, 2013 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fourth Floor Auditorium of the Kankakee Public Library. He will e-mail the flyer to the Committee members.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paarlberg moved for adjournment, and Mr. Bayston seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:18 AM.