

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Frank Koehler, Ralph Paarlberg, Dennis Peters, Chad Miller and Mel Blanchette

Others:

Mike Lammey, Kankakee County; and Scott Jensen, guest of Chad Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

HAIL TO THE WHITE SOX

Chairman Koehler congratulated the World Champion Chicago White Sox.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Paarlberg moved that the current officers (Chairman Koehler and Vice-Chairman Bergdahl) be nominated to continue in their current capacity. Mr. Blanchette seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peters moved approval of the September 15, 2005 Minutes, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Chairman Koehler led the Subcommittee in a discussion of control issues relating to the Airport issue.

6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that the original plan was for a mid-October approval or denial for the Access Justification Report, but that the FHWA had asked for additional information before they would issue a final decision. He stated that the new deadline is in December. Mr. Lammey stated that a request had been made by private developers for a public/private forum for support of the concept, and that avenues for that forum were being discussed, such as Chambers of Commerce. Chairman Koehler suggested real estate brokers, as well.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Lammey reported that the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the County Board unanimously at their November 8, 2005 meeting.

COMMUTER RAIL

Mr. Lammey stated that the application for the Phase II funding will be submitted in late November. He stated that all of the Letters of Support from local agencies have been received, and that Letters of Support are currently being requested from area legislators.

6000 N. ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that a meeting with the Village of Bradley had resulted in a request to have the connection from 6000 N. Road to 7000 N. Road shifted further east, so that the frontage along 6000 N. Road would continue past 2000 E. Road. He stated that discussions on this issue have not been held with Village of Manteno officials. Chairman Koehler suggested that this would be a good subject to bring up in the Tri-Village meetings.

BOURBONNAIS ROAD PROGRAM

Chairman Koehler reviewed the Village of Bourbonnais road program for the next three years, with funding sources and suggested improvements. He stated that the Belson Drive project was under construction, and that its' completion would allow the closure of McKnight Drive. He stated that other federal funds had been received to allow for reconstruction of 6000 N. Road from Route 45 west to Career Center Road, and Career Center Road from 6000 N. Road south to 5000 N. Road. Other planned improvements included construction of Burns Road from Route 45 to Career Center Road in 2007, and the inclusion of collector streets every half mile in the newly developing areas.

ILLINOIS TOMORROW GRANT PROJECTS

Mr. Lammey stated that the next round of Illinois Tomorrow projects had been announced, and that a number of requests were contemplated:

1. A joint application from Kankakee County and Will County for an east-west roadway project connecting at the very least I-57 to I-65 in Indiana, and at the most a connection to I-55, as well. Kankakee County will write the grant application.
2. A joint application from the City of Kankakee, the Greater Kankakee Airport Authority and Kankakee County for an economic development project for the area surrounding the Greater Kankakee Airport. The lead agency will be the City of Kankakee. Kankakee County will write the grant application.
3. A joint application of the many jurisdictions involved in the bikeway project through the urban area for bikeway planning for an eventual path that will connect the State Park with the waterpark area south of Kankakee. The lead agency will be the City of Kankakee. Kankakee County will write the grant application.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Koehler stated that the next meeting date would be January 19, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Koehler adjourned the meeting at 11:24 A.M.