MEETING MINUTES

Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board
Thursday, January 13, 2022
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Via ZOOM Conference Call
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In Attendance: Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Hank Martin, Jennifer Davis, Bonnie Davis, Greg Laudenslager, Christie Barton, Bill Almquist, Brian Berger, Joseph Teipel, Wendy Rombold and TAB Board applicant Thomas Brown.

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:02. Garwood introduced Thomas Brown. He said hello to the group and described why he would be qualified to join the TAB Board.

II. Approval of Agenda

Garwood requested a change of the agenda under New Business to add "Recommending Candidates for Appointment/Re-appointment to the TAB."

Laudenslager motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Jenny Davis seconded. All in favor.

III. Approval of December, 2021 Minutes

Teipel motioned to approve the minutes as written. Martin seconded. All in favor.

IV. Commissioner's Report

Baker reported that he's paying close attention to the State legislature. They reconvened yesterday with several goals on their agenda that will benefit Chaffee County, including funding for trails and transit in rural Colorado.

Baker will attend the virtual STAC meeting tomorrow where they will discuss the 10 year plan. The next Transportation Planning Region meeting is on February 3, 2022.

Locally, the Land Use Code will be updated this year under the direction of consulting firm Logan & Simpson. Jenny Davis asked what would be the best way for TAB to participate in this process? Baker replied that there will be a community advisory committee.

Laudenslager said that, on behalf of Planning and Zoning, he will turn to others on the TAB board for input on specific topics. Kate will be the lead liaison, Martin for Transit, Rhoads for Trails, Brown for bike trails, Davis for Freight, etc.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Transit

Martin and his staff have been busy closing out existing grants and writing new ones. He thanked the Chaffee County METAB program for awarding funds to The Chaffee Shuttle. Other recent activity includes improvement of signage at shuttle stops, and the new shuttle has arrived.

B. HOPE Grant Update--Process for Establishing Routes

Martin has assembled a project management team to disseminate the information received on the surveys and to develop strategies. This grant was awarded to improve the San Luis Valley transit system, which includes Chaffee County, for the resources and as a destination. Almquist suggested expanding the name to include the Arkansas Valley, and everyone agreed that the San Luis Valley Transit name commands very little interest from folks here.

C. Projects for IIJA

Garwood asked the TAB board to identify a list of local projects that can be funded by the recently passed Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) law. Baker will share the final list at the TPR meeting. A plethora of ideas were suggested such as adding lighting at Hwy 24/CR 384 and Hwy 24/CR 317, and adding turn lanes at Hwy 285/CR 160 and Hwy 24/285 & KOA Campground to name a few.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of Projects to Pursue Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

CDOT sent out a memo outlining this federal program for the states which offers federal funds of 90% with a 10% state/local commitment. The intention for these projects is to result in improved safety and a reduction of crashes. The Board discussed possible ideas that could utilize minimal funds from the Road & Bridge budget while making a positive impact such as pedestrian paths and improved lighting. Jenny Davis suggested asking Mark Stacy for suggestions. Garwood will contact Buena Vista and Poncha Springs for their respective lists and provide it to Commissioner Baker to submit to the TPR.

B. Recommending Candidates for Appointment/Re-appointment to TAB

Three positions were expiring on the TAB at the end of January. There were two candidates for the positions. Tom Brown for appointment to one vacant three-year term and Kate Garwood for re-appointment to a three-year term. There were no candidates for the third position.

Martin motioned to approve the nominations. Jenny Davis seconded. All in favor.

VII. Other Business - None

VIII. Adjournment

Garwood adjourned the meeting at 11:23

Submit by Wendy Rombold, Secretary.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022