

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 9:30am on March 4, 2024 in Akron, Colorado by Commissioner Weaver.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on December 4, 2023 was distributed. Motion made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Kent Vance and approved unanimously as distributed.

Discussion Items

Commissioner Weaver was looking for some input on the ETPR By-laws from the ETPR members. There was a suggestion of removing some wording that was in parenthesis that indicated recommended changes. Motion to approve By-law changes motioned by Commissioner Vance and 2nd by Commissioner Learar.

The next item of discussion was Extensions of MMOF Grants for both the Town of Hugo and Phillips County. Gillian Laycock mentioned the Hugo Sidewalk Project was hindered due to the administration resignations that included the Town Clerk and shortly later the Deputy Town Clerk. Gillian stated she was pleased to inform us they have hired Sara Lancaster as the new Town Clerk and she is very motivated to efficiently and effectively complete the sidewalk project. The second extension requested was the Phillip County Courthouse Sidewalk project. Andrew Nygaard mentioned in his letter they are working with the contractor and CDOT requirements and will hope to have it complete in 2024. Motion to approve extension on Hugo Project was motioned by Commissioner Gates and 2nd by Commissioner Layborn and the Phillips County project was Motioned by Commissioner Jefferson and 2nd by Commissioner Gates.

Informational Items

Josie Thomas presented What We Heard at the 2023 4P Meetings that was included in the packet. The purpose of these meetings is to get input from stakeholders and to hear their feedback in regards to highways and interstates concerns. They also take this opportunity to review CDOT grant opportunities and give a better understanding to how and why decisions were made.

Heather Paddock had the updates for the CDOT Commission Reports including topics of Budget Updates and the process of putting up affordable housing that is based upon salary. Gary Beedy gave STAC Updates from the current meeting. This included items such as the Rail Fees and the Freight plans. Also, the boundaries of the TPR changes are to be updated on the state website.

Community Roundtable

Commissioner Vance mentioned that around County Road RR & Hwy 34 there is potholes that could be filled. He also stated he thought that the one lane has slowed down the traffic. Gillian Laycock wanted to say thanks for restriping the lanes after snow removal as they seemed to have needed to be redone after that.

Public Input

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm by Commissioner Weaver. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 9:30am on June 3, 2024 in Limon, Colorado.