

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Blue Chip Hotel Conference Center ~ Michigan City, IN

June 5, 2014

Members/Guests Present: Geof Benson, Deb Backhus, Michael Kuss, Phil Gralik, Tom Clouser

NIPRC Staff: Kathy Luther

Call to order

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order.

Approval of May 1, 2014 EMPC Minutes

Upon motion by Michael Kuss and second by Deb Backhus and no opposition, the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

NIRPC Business:

City of Hobart TAP Environmental Project Application Approval

\$6.8m dollars was available for the Transportation Alternatives Program, with 10% (\$686k) of the funding allotted for environmental and historic projects. Two project applications were submitted for the environmental /historic category. One historic application was submitted from Michigan City for lighthouse museum repairs and one environmental application from the City of Hobart for a stormwater project. Those two applications added up to 54% of the allotted amount for the category. The Hobart project is roughly \$234k.

Phil Gralik described the project which involves relocated a stormwater outfall and adding a stormwater BMP that will collect and reduce suspended solids out of the one pipe that the entire downtown area goes through. Deb Backhus commented it looks like a good proposal and motioned to approve the application. With second from Michael Kuss and no opposition, the motion passed.

The Michigan City historic application was reviewed by the Ped, Pedal, and Paddle (3PC) Committee and was approved as well. The ped and bike applications approved by the 3PC will move forward the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for approval and then be submitted to the NIRPC Board for approval. The environmental application will now move forward directly to the NIRPC Board for approval.

Public Comment:

None.

Meeting adjourned.