

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
LaPorte County
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Mitch Bishop (LaPorte County), Nick Minich (City of LaPorte), Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Skyler York (Michigan City), Chasiti Stanley (Michigan City Transit), and Beth West (City of La Porte/TransPorte).

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Candice Eklund. Charles introduced Ann Weitgenant, NIRPC's new staff member who will be assisting him.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 14, 2023, TROC meeting minutes were approved on motion by Craig Phillips and seconded by Skyler York. Nick Minich requested the minutes reflect that DES #1601867 be corrected on the minutes, replacing the incorrect DES # 1601864 on the minutes.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Spending Plan Update

Charles Bradsky discussed the spending plan for FY 2024. There is \$1.4 million in available funding in 2028 and \$531,000 in 2027. There is no available funding in 2025 and 2026. The following projects were discussed.

- Mitch Bishop stated \$95,400 was requested for ROW on the Union Mills project at the prior meeting. Charles will investigate.
- Craig Phillips requested the word 'Travel' in the description for DES #230018 be changed to 'Transportation'.
- Craig Phillips and Nick Minich discussed their projects for Polk and Lake Streets. They are currently not in the spending plan because they scored low, but since they were submitted to the NOFA they could be considered if approved by this committee.
- Nick Minich asked if some of the COVID funding was obligated to CE for the Chessie II trail project because only half of the funds were initially obligated.
- Nick Minich asked if their two Park Street projects could be in the same year since they have the funding for the intersection. Charles will investigate.
- Chasiti Stanley inquired when non-revenue vehicles were in the spending plan for Michigan City. Charles confirmed they were in 2025 and 2026 but would investigate if one of the vehicles could be moved up.

Charles received a call from INDOT on May 18 stating that due to budget negotiations in Washington, Congress pulled back all COVID funds that were not obligated. INDOT will contact Charles with the approved funding. Charles requested each of the members verify their projects in the RTIP system matches what is in the spending plan.

Other New Business

Charles stated there seems to be a disconnect between the town officials and the consultants in terms of the project schedules. Charles requested a float be kept in the schedules for ROW, NEPA, etc. due to approvals now taking longer.

Nick Minich announced the City of La Porte is partnering in the charrette with the housing initiative through Notre Dame's School of Architecture and Engineering.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2023.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DydlkMWOKYA>