

COMMISSION MINUTES
November 12, 2024

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

November 12, 2024

Materials Conference Room – Iowa DOT Complex

Ames, Iowa

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1:10 p.m.	Adjourn		

* Action Item

On Tuesday, November 12, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 10:00 a.m. in the Materials Conference Room. Transportation-related matters will be discussed, but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2025-26
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date November 12, 2024
Title Approve Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 Commission meeting.

		Vote		
		Aye	Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Anderson</u>	Seconded by <u>Arnold</u>			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Division Director	Legal	State Director		

Commissioner Stutsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on November 12, 2024, at the Materials Conference Room in the Iowa DOT Complex, Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Sally Stutsman, Ray Gaesser, Bill Anderson, Rich Arnold, Linda Juckette, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, and Tom Rielly.

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Stuart Anderson, Director, Transportation Development Division

Commissioner Stutsman asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Arnold seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commission Comments

None

DOT Comments

None

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-27
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date November 12, 2024
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Jasper County

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Jasper County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 150 feet of S 128th Avenue E located southwest of Lynnville. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2025.

Because this project will provide improved access totaling more than four acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2024 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$285,212 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Vote	Nay	Pass
		Aye		
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by	<u>Juckette</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Seconded by	<u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____

_____	_____	_____
Division Director	Legal	State Director

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Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb explained that Jasper County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 150 feet of South 128th Avenue East located southwest of Lynnville and along the Jasper-Mahaska county line.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 4 acres for industrial purposes, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

Under our RISE Local Development criteria, the project scores 66 points. The total estimated cost of the project is \$570,423. The county is requesting a RISE grant of \$285,212 and will be providing 50 percent in local match.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2024 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$285,212 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

Commissioner Stutsman stated that they Commission discussed this project in the morning at their workshop meeting.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
 Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-28
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date November 12, 2024
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Bentonsport Bridge Rehab (Van Buren County Conservation Board)	\$ 403,000
Carlson Park Trail Phase 1A and Phase 1B (Decorah)	\$ 298,795
Clay County Connection Phase 2 (Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$ 520,000
Flint River Trail Connection (Burlington)	\$ 71,625
Iowa River's Edge Trail Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement (Hardin County)	\$ 745,000
Jewellsworth Trail Acquisition (Hamilton County Conservation Board)	\$ 180,000
Neal Smith to High Trestle Trail Connector and Trailhead (Polk City)	\$ 700,000
Pioneer Trail Reinbeck Gap (Grundy County Conservation Board)	\$ 279,786
Pony Hollow Trail Extension Phase I (Clayton County Conservation Board)	\$ 325,000
 Total	 \$3,523,206

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Vote	Pass
		Aye	Nay
	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____
Moved by <u>Gaesser</u>	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____
Seconded by <u>Rielly</u>	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director	

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Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb described that the State Recreational Trails program was created in 1988 with the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail users. This funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments or non-profit organizations through an annual application program.

The current round of applications was due on July 1 of this year. We received 30 recreational trails applications requesting over \$17 million.

Based on the background material provided in October and our workshop discussion this morning, we recommend you approve the State Recreational Trails program projects totaling \$3,523,206 as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Gaesser moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.