

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

NIRPC - Lake Michigan Room

November 1, 2018

Minutes

Members/Guests: Bill Emerson Jr., Reggie Korthals, Sarah Nimetz, Will Farrellbegg, Sherryl Doerr, Tim Kingsland, Lauri Keagle, Deb Backhus, Jennifer Gadzala, George Malis, George Topoll, Kay Nelson, Brenda Scott Henry, Susan Mihalo, Jan Bapst, Maggie Byrne and Sylvia Collins.

NIRPC Staff: – Kathy Luther, Mitch Barloga, Joe Exl and Candice Eklund

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Emerson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

NIRPC Business:

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Tim Kingsland and second by Jennifer Gadzala, the October 4, 2018 and October 10, 2018 EMPC meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation: 2020-2024 TIP Programmatic Approach & Scoring Criteria

Mitch Barloga began his presentation by extending his appreciation to the committee for their determination to reach an agreement on the phase one scoring criteria and their continued efforts to work through phase two program scoring sheets.

Mitch Barloga and Kathy Luther presented the proposed project evaluation criteria and weights programs. The categories are the same for every program in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) due to the public mandating NIRPC address these categories through the project selection process. The first phase of the scoring process reviewed project types within the program categories. The second scoring phase measured the criteria for each of the EMPC program areas and provided a measurable recommendation for the group to consider, with a scoring criteria being subjective or binary (y/n). Kathy Luther and Joe Exl provided a draft of the evaluation criteria and scoring sheets for discussion. As the program scoring was being reviewed, points were changed live as needed, based on consensus of the committee. Kathy and Joe will condense all of the discussed scoring criteria for the seven EMPC programs, and create one program each for Air Quality and Environment.

When discussing the Economic Generation criteria for the AQ-Vehicle Emission reduction program, the group inquired how they would measure a complete return on investment (ROI) for alt-fuel or idle reduction on an economic investment. Kathy Luther will build an equation of economic benefit to include the clean air act criteria and pollutants. The committee also made the decision to move the Regional Plan Policy Support criteria, to the Project Readiness category, because the applicant is not eligible. Based on the committees' request, Kathy will recalculate the Max Criteria Points on each program to insure the score is 100.

The EMPC group successfully worked through scoring four of the programs. Due to time limitations, the group will reconvene on November 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm to discuss the criteria for the two condensed programs.

The input received will be reflected in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), to be approved by the TPC Committee on November 13, 2018 and then by the Full Commission on November 15. The draft TIP is due to INDOT by February 15, 2019.

Announcements

South Shore Clean Cities announced a free snow plow safety and winter preparedness training event on November 9, 2018 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at the City Hall in Whiting, Indiana.

The DNR Coastal Program announced their Marsh poster unveiling event on November 7, 2018 at the Red Mill County Park in LaPorte County.

Lauri Keagle announced Partners for Clean Air is having a drawing to give away a free bike. To enter the drawing select 'like' and 'share' on their Facebook, Partners for Clean Air, page. Their goal is reach 1,000 'likes'.

Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Bill Emerson adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018.