

Local Rural Task Force Meeting

February 10, 2015

Branch County Road Commission - Coldwater, MI

In Attendance:

Kara Derrickson	Branch County Transit Authority
Trent Arver	Branch County Road Commission
Mark Heydlauff	City of Bronson
Jim Campfield	Village of Union City (after 11:15 a.m.)
Jodi Stefforia	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Diane Morrison	Coldwater Township

The Branch County Local Task Force was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Branch County Road Commission offices by Trent Arver.

Approval of Previous Local Rural Task Force Minutes

Minutes from the previous Local RTF Meeting of October 20, 2014 were reviewed.

MOTION by Heydlauff, SUPPORT by Derrickson, ***“to approve the Rural Task Force meeting minutes of October 20 2014.”*** Motion passed.

Update on Changes to RTF

Changes to the RTF program made in late 2013 caused counties with a positive balance at FY '13 year-end to 'lose' those funds they had intended to carryover. After much discussion between CRAM and MDOT officials, MDOT has made available, to those counties that had a positive balance at the end of FY '13, their respective positive balance. This money has been made available in two rounds. Sixty percent of the funds were made available last year as round one, round two is now underway for the balance. MDOT is requiring that the respective counties identify and prioritize how the money will be spent by March 31, 2015 and have the project(s) obligated by June 30, 2016. Counties with a negative balance have agreed to forego some of their future allocations in order for counties that had a positive balance to obligate additional projects. It is not known how these reductions in future allocations will play out and if there will be an impact to the full Task Force.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify and prioritize how \$23,452.84, identified as the available remaining positive balance for Branch County, will be spent. The full, five-county task force project selection process does not apply in this instance. The selection and submission of projects is to be kept separate, per MDOT, however funds may be added to already approved and programmed projects.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Review/Action of Possible Projects

Trent Arver noted that the Branch County Road Commission would like to add the funds to the already approved Jonesville Road HMA Ultrathin project. At the October meeting, round one funds were assigned to this road project, however BCRC match was approximately \$77,000 of the estimated \$116,000 project cost. Kara Derrickson noted that BATA could always use more funds, however, her agency can wait until the next call for projects to identify transit projects for funding through the rural task force program.

MOTION by Heydlauff, SUPPORT by Derrickson **to select the Branch County Road Commission project, Jonesville Road, to utilize the \$23,452.84 in remaining FY '13 carryover funds.** Motion passed.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairperson Trent Arver adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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