

IOWA VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 12, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The Governor's Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee met at Iowa Public Television in Johnston, Iowa.

Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

Dennis Bennett, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Harry Brown, Anamosa State Penitentiary
Mickel Edwards, Dept. of Corrections
Les Holland, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Dean Ibsen, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise
Mary Krier, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Karalyn Kuhns, Dept. of Human Services
Dan Lane, Dept. of Natural Resources, State of Iowa Facilities Improvement Corporation
Steve LeClere, Anamosa State Penitentiary
Eve Palmer, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Dan Prymek, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Brad Skinner, Dept. of Human Services
Terry Slinde, Vertical Infrastructure Committee Member
Nick Smith, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Welcome

Dan Miller, Executive Director of Iowa Public Television, introduced himself and welcomed the Vertical Infrastructure Committee to Iowa Public Television. He said that the technology that the committee has helped support has kept their program going strong and especially helped during the 2007 Presidential Debates that required the use of a generator. Dan Miller also mentioned that IPTV serves about 1.4 million people a week and one reason they are able to do this is because they have such a reliable service.

Les Holland discussed the FY2009 Major Maintenance allocations, saying that the committee only received 15 million dollars of the originally stated 40 million dollars.

Questions and Comments from Committee Members

Eve Palmer said that she appreciated the 2008 plan of action. Dean Ibsen said that Ray Walton and Paul Carlson would not be attending the meeting because they were out on flood duty.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Eve Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2008 meeting. Dennis Bennett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Tour of Iowa Public Television

The meeting was called back to order at **11:11 am**.

Ongoing Issues/Staff Reports

Dean Ibsen discussed the distribution of routine maintenance funds. He said that there were 3 million routine maintenance dollars distributed in FY2009. Dean Ibsen also said that the new Public Safety building still needs to be added to the square footage totals.

Les Holland said that with the addition of buildings like Public Safety other buildings would be receiving less money in routine maintenance dollars because the total square footage would increase throughout the state buildings.

Dan Prymek asked if the Wallace Building was still receiving routing maintenance dollars and Dean Ibsen said that it is and that it is at 75% occupancy level.

Dean Ibsen handed out the project list that Paul Carlson normally reviews, but in his absence Dean Ibsen explained the list and took several questions.

Staffing/Database/Training

There was no news about the training that Paul Carlson was trying to organize through Iowa State University.

Consent Calendar

Les Holland told the committee that they would review the items one by one and then vote as a block at the end after any questions had been answered. There were questions about item #6 which was the ILEA emergency generator and why it had been relocated so much. There were also questions about item #7 which Les Holland saw had gone to the executive council.

Dan Prymek moved to approve the consent calendar items. Mary Krier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Plan of Action Update for 2008

Dean Ibsen discussed the 2008 Plan of Action which contained new items such as elevator upgrades, identifying public and political figures that come to the meetings, etc. The plan of action updates will be forwarded to Director Anderson with a request to provide it to the Governor's staff.

Terry Slinde asked if we could get a meeting with Gov. Culver's staff to get a strategy on future Major Maintenance allocations. Dean Ibsen suggested that the VIAC members contact Mollie Anderson first or Ray Walton. Terry Slinde said the approach should be about how to ask about moving the Governor's agenda forward. Dennis Bennett said that we have been talking about something similar to this for some time now. Mary Krier said IPTV would be the perfect vehicle for getting the message and awareness plan to the public. Dan Prymek thought that the presentation might need to be different. Eve Palmer said that the legislature needs a story behind their numbers. Terry Slinde continued by saying that he wants to make sure his time is spent well and to make sure that the work of the committee is a priority for Governor Culver. Les Holland said that Dean Ibsen should talk to Mollie Anderson and Ray Walton before the committee does anything formal.

Les Holland asked Nick Smith to call roll on the plan of action. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Results: Les Holland – Yes, Dan Prymek – Yes, Terry Slinde – Yes, Dennis Bennett – Yes, Eve Palmer – Yes, Mary Krier – Yes, Gary Benschopf – absent.

Motion passed unanimously.

Survey of the States

Dean Ibsen asked if there were any specific questions or comments about the report. Dan Prymek asked about how the insurance in the State works. Dean Ibsen explained that the state is considered to be self-insured, but does buy builders risk or other insurance policies in some instances.

Schedule of Meetings

Dean Ibsen said that we still need to hear back from Ankeny Labs and check on the other sites. Once this is done we will contact legislators whose districts have the institutions residing in them.

Major Maintenance Requests and Rankings

Dean Ibsen explained the process as being the same as he had used before. He would review the list of projects and describe how the decision was made for each one. The committee could interrupt and ask questions or make comments at anytime.

Dean Ibsen said he considered two options. The first option is to do a 20% across the board cut of funding for all projects. The second option would be to find projects which would have to be cut all together.

The agencies, specifically the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections had argued that option two would be what they favored. DHS identified projects to delete. DOC will identify projects to delay. This list as presented represents option 2 with further reductions from DOC required. Dean Ibsen then said that he would like the committee to approve the work so that DAS can continue the list and go to the Governor's office with the final list.

Motion to approve the project list as submitted, subject to further reductions by DOC. Nick Smith called roll.

Roll call results: Les Holland – Yes, Dan Prymek – Yes, Terry Slinde – Yes, Dennis Bennett – Yes, Eve Palmer – Yes, Mary Krier – Yes, Gary Benshoof – absent.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Questions and Comments: Steve LeClere said that he was pleased with the work of the committee and that they had worked very hard. Terry Slinde said he had become passionate about buildings.

Next meeting: Topics that will be discussed are the survey of the state, alternative delivery systems, and feedback from the meeting with Ray Walton and Mollie Anderson.

Adjourn

Eve Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Terry Slinde. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Prepared by Nick Smith and Dean Ibsen

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