



Policy Board Meeting
June 27th, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Mr. Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, called the meeting to order by officially confirming everyone present at the meeting. The following Policy Board members were present: **(Quorum = 51% = 6 committee members; must include at least three (3) elected officials)**

- 1) Tony Evans – ARDOT – District 6 Engineer (*and as PROXY for Sunny*)
- 2) Bruce Caverly – Hot Springs POA – Board Director
- 3) Mike Lipton – Hot Springs Metro Partnership
- 4) Ray Owen – Garland County – Quorum Court
- 5) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Board of Directors
- 6) Jack Fields – City of Fountain Lake - Mayor

Additionally, the following guests or non-voting members were present:

- a) Bob Pettey – HSVPOA – Governmental Affairs Committee

B. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Minutes – February 15th, 2024 & May Email Vote** – The committee was presented with the previous meeting minutes. Jack Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Lipton. The item passed unanimously.
- 2) **FY 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Mr. Harris presented the DRAFT of the newly established Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2025 – 2028, which will begin in October of this year. Mr. Harris highlighted how the major project in this year’s was related to the Airport Road Interchange at the 270 Expressway. The committee mentioned how this was their number two priority, and why wasn’t the number one priority included. Mr. Harris mentioned that the Arkansas Department of Transportation stated that they reasonably believe they can accomplish/construct the Airport Road project now, whereas the Higdon Ferry is a bit more complicated. After a bit of discussion, Mike Lipton made a motion to approve the TIP to go out for public comments. The motion was seconded by Jack Fields. Karen Garcia voted against the motion, while the rest of the committee voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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No additional reports or announcements were made.

D. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

E. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made and/or recorded.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.