



Minutes TIA Citizens Review Panel Berrien County Administrative Building March 9, 2021 2:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Walter Hudson	Irwin County
D.W. Harper	Irwin County
Patrick Jones	Pierce County
Others Present	
Kenneth Franks	TIA GDOT
Brent Moseley	TIA GDOT
Amy Martin	SGRC

CRP Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

CRP Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Slaughter asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

CRP Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2020

Mr. Slaughter gave the committee time to review the minutes. Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Harper made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

CRP Item #4 – Public Comment

Mr. Slaughter opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

CRP Item #5 - New Business

There was not any new business to be discussed.

<u>CRP Item # 6 – TIA Update</u>

Mr. Franks notified the committee that the TIA revenue collections are continuing to do well in spite of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mr. Franks notified the committee that the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission were successful in renewing the TIA sales tax in their region for the next 10 years. River Valley is currently in the TIA process to prepare for a 2022 election. Mr. Franks explained to the committee that the year 2020 also turned out to be the largest year ever production wise. He continued that traffic is starting to pick back up and is now closer to the 85-95% of range of roadway traffic. Mr. Franks stated that the TIA revenue collections up to date is 133 million with 35 million discretionary funds being sent to local governments. The collections are 17% above the projections and continue to look stable. We have even seen positive growth in the other regions over the past two years. Mr. Moseley went over the up-to-date project completions and upcoming projects. He notified the committee that of the 151 projects in the Southern GA region 48 had been completed, 22 were in construction with a total expenditure of 38 million. He continued that 4 projects had been let in December and reviewed the projects to be let in the next 6 months. Mr. Moseley that the procurement process continues to be very competitive, which is good and there are 23 projects with local let agreements. Mr. Slaughter asked if the local let projects also had the TIA sign put up at the project sight. Mr. Moseley stated that it would be up to the county, city to put the signs up and that the signs can be added into the project cost. Ms. Slaughter responded that it is very important for the citizens to see the TIA signs so that they are aware of projects that are a result of the initiative. Mr. Franks stated that the TIA office does keep TIA signs on hand so if he needed one quickly they could get it to him.

<u>CRP Item # 7 – Privilege of the Floor</u>

There were no comments.

CRP Item # 8- Next Meeting Date, Place, Time

Mr. Slaughter asked the committee what would be a good day and time for the next meeting. The committee discussed possible dates. The committee agreed that the next meeting will be held on August 10, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Berrien County Courthouse. Mr. Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.