

Village of Rapids City
December 13th, 2022
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:
Review of I80 Mississippi Bridge Study follow-up meeting.

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Fiems, Fowler, Schnieder, Robertson, DeMarlie and Rankin

Virtually Present: None.

Absent: None.

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director Bump, Mike Housenga, 6:47pm

Brian Boelk - Axiom Consultants, 6:50pm Sherriff Hart, 6:56pm Donna Taka

Virtually Present: Britney McCarty, Sarah Fisher, Kate, Mary Aguilar, Skylar Hall

Mire opened by thanking the I80 Bridge Study Group for the opportunity to hold this follow up meeting. Representatives from the group included Dena Vermist, Michael Kuehn and Rebecca Marruffo with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Tony Pakeltis of Parsons, and Brad Hahn of Images Inc., all of which have been working on studying and preliminary engineering of the I-80 Bridge Project.

This meeting was a recap of the presentation held virtually on October 27th, 2022 by the Illinois Department of Transportation and for Village Officials to ask questions and express concerns. A copy of the full presentation may still be found online as well as all exhibit boards.

After the review of the presentation Public Works Director Bump noted that Alternative Options #3 and #5 would impact our sewer lift station located next to the current on off ramp to the west of the bridge.

It was noted that costs are not the determination of which alternative is chosen in the end, but rather the number of environmental impacts.

Mire requested a study to be conducted to measure the amount of traffic on Route 84 as he and other Trustees feel a stop light is needed since entering and exited Route 84 during peak times has become progressively more difficult with more housing and business coming into the area. Once again Village Officials expressed concerns if the bridge and/or entrance and exit ramps were completely closed while replacement occurred.

IDOT representatives requested a written official response as to the preferred alternative the Village would like to see pushed through.

With no further business discuss Mire thanked our guests for their presentation and Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting. Rankin seconded the motion. All members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 6:56pm.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk