

CRV REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CRV-RPO Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024; 5:00 – 6:00pm Copper Valley Air Conference Room – Gulkana Airport

- I. Call to Order by Gary Schliesing at 5:00pm
 - RPO Members Present: Gary Schliesing – Glenn Transport/Gulkana Fuel; Joe Bovee – Ahtna; Martin Boniek - Copper Valley Air; Brett Nelson – DOT&PF; John Becker – CVCC; Jerry Lesemann – Crowley; Dennis McGlothin (CVDA); Jennifer Bowman – CVDA (staff); Asa Brewi – CVDA (staff)
 - RPO Members Absent/Excused: None
 - Guests: Jason Hoke- CVDA Board President; Bruce Cain; Victoria Rego. Mark Weekes - (Ahtna)
- II. ***Motion to approve the agenda by Joe Bovee, 2nd by John Becker, motion passed***
- III. ***Motion to approve the 10.4.24 Meeting Minutes with corrections by Joe Bovee, 2nd by John Becker, motion passed***
- IV. Committee Membership:
 - Vacant Seats: John Becker moved from the CVDA seat to fill the vacant Chamber of Commerce through the end of that term in 2026. Dennis McGlothin was voted in by the CVDA Board to fill the CVDA seat that was vacated by John Becker. Voting for a new chair was tabled until the next meeting 2/5/2025. Gary Schliesing is open to staying on as the interim chair until the next meeting. ***Motion by Martin Boniek for Gary Schliesing to remain as interim chair until the February 5, 2025 meeting, 2nd by Joe Bovee, Motion passed.***
 - Elections at the next meeting. The following seats will be up for election Joe Bovee (Ahtna), Jerry Lesemann (Crowley), and Gary Schliesing (Glenn Transport). Discussion Followed: Jason Hoke noted that DOT&PF Commissioner Anderson suggested that we add other transportation related members from trucking or air industries to fill seats as are vacated to support the work at the airport. It was clarified that if the committee want to change the number of designated seats or the number of committee member seats the operating agreement would need to be amended. Amendments to the operating agreement are outlined in section ***XI. a. This operating agreement may be amended with 60 days' notice and approval of both the CRV-RPO Committee and the CVDA Board.*** Jen will provide ballots for the election.
 - Reminder of Election Schedule Updated with current members.
 - 1 Year Seat (2024) - CVDA & DOT & PF will re-designate the person filling the seat after year 1; New Members were designated (Brett Nelson DOT&PF / Dennis McGlothin – CVDA). New representatives appointed in 2026.
 - 2 Year Seat (2025) - Joe Bovee (Ahtna); Jerry Lesemann (Crowley), and Gary Schliesing (Glenn Transport) re-appoint in Jan (2025);
 - 3 Year Seat (2026) John Becker (Chamber), Martin Boniek (Copper Valley Air) will re-appoint in Jan (2026).
 - Operating Agreement Section:
 - VII: Committee Members:*
 - d. Term:*
 - i. Seats shall be for two-year terms.*
 - ii. Each of the seats shall initially rotate in staggered terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years for the first three years and two years thereafter so that approximately 1/3 of the seats expire each year.*
- V. DOT&PF – Brett Nelson
 - STIP Amendment #2 notice will be out in January for public comment. Discussion followed: Questions around the work planned by DOT& PF to correct the erosion at Simpson hill to prevent the damage or further erosion and potential damage to the road and safety concerns especially the winter conditions. The committee requested additional jersey

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barriers be provided for better safety and asked DOT&PF's if they are studying the rate of erosion and what is the schedule the work to be performed at this location? It was noted the white reflectors on the new guard rails are too bright and blinding in foggy or in oncoming traffic situations. Can they be changed to be less reflective or an amber color. Brett noted there are specific requirements for traffic and safety that determine reflectivity and color.

Action Item: Brett will look into these requests and provide findings to Jen. She will forward it to the group before the next meeting. It was

- McCarthy Road PEL study is ongoing, a draft analysis report will be completed, and public meetings will be held in the spring summer of 2025 for the public to participate.
- Bruce Cain asked what the status of getting the Richardson Hwy MP 66-92 back on the STIP as it was removed as a project. **Action Item: Brett to provide an update to Jen. She will forward it to the committee before the next meeting.**

VI. Old Business:

- DOT&PF and the CVDA executed Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement on the formation of a Regional Planning Organization. The purpose of this Amendment is for the CRV-RPO and the CVDA to work with DOT&PF to obtain funding for surveying and cataloguing Right-of-Way encroachments to provide adjacent landowners with sufficient information required by DOT&PF to support applications for vacating ROW or permitting encroachments. Jen is working with DOT&PF to outline the steps required for the work.

VII. New Business:

- RAISE Grant: DOT&PF approached the CVDA with support from the CRV-RPO Committee to partner and be the lead for the FY2025 RAISE Grant through US DOT. The proposed project is the re-alignment of the McCarthy Road from MP 44 – 48.5. DOT&PF will write the grant and CVDA will provide support for project coordination activities, public outreach and submit the final application due on January 30, 2025.
- CRV-RPO Annual Meeting will be scheduled after the CVDA. It was suggested that the annual meeting be held on April 2nd CRV-RPO Meeting (regularly scheduled meeting).

VIII. Public comment: No additional comments.

IX. ***Motion to adjourn at 5:58pm by Joe Bovee, 2nd John Becker, motion passed***

X. Next Meeting February 5th, 2025 at 5pm at the Copper Valley Air Conference Room