

**West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization (WTRPO)  
Executive Board and Technical Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeeting

September 29, 2020  
10:10 A.M. CST

**Executive Board Voting Members Present:**

Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, Chairman  
Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman  
Mr. William Veazey, Director of Planning for Tipton County (Proxy, Executive Jeff Huffman,  
County Executive of Tipton)  
Hon. Eugene Pugh, Mayor of Halls  
Mr. Robert Turner, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of  
Somerville)

**Executive Board Voting Members Absent:**

Executive Jeff Huffman, Mayor of Tipton County  
Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford  
Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville  
State Senator Paul Rose  
Representative Chris Hurt, District 82

**Technical Committee Voting Members Present:**

Ms. Mendi Donnelly, Community Development Director, Town of Somerville  
Mr. Robert Turner, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of  
Somerville)  
Mr. William Veazey, Chairman, Director of Planning for Tipton County  
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director  
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford  
Mr. Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley

**Technical Committee Voting Members Absent:**

Mr. Wayne Dowdy, Fayette County Public Works Director, Fayette County  
Mr. Danny Hartsfield, Director of Maintenance Lauderdale County, Lauderdale County  
Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Representative  
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County  
Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County  
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Vice Chairman, Citizen Representative, Chairman and Commissioner of  
Piperton

**Also Present:**

Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN  
Mr. Matthew Cushing, TDOT, MMAG  
Ms. Gwyn Fisher, TN ECD (WTRPO Technical Committee Member)  
Mr. Antoine Hawkins, TDOT, OCT Region 4  
Mr. Michael Shelton, Kimley-Horn

Mr. Ben Ledsinger, Atoka, TN, Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.  
Ms. Ashley Owens, TDOT, OCT Region 4  
Ms. Joni Bailey, A2H  
Ms. Amanda Adkerson, Henning, TN  
Mayor Cowan, La Grange, TN  
Ms. Kamillah Kelly, WTRPO Coordinator  
Mr. Ordis Copeland, TN ECD (WTRPO Technical Committee Member)  
Ms. Amanda Faurbo, Atoka, TN  
Mr. Kwabena Aboagye, TDOT  
Mr. Stacy Morrison, TDOT  
Ms. Rebecca Ray, Covington, TN  
Mayor Hanson, Covington, TN  
Mr. Ben Bradberry, NWTRPO Coordinator  
Mr. Marc Woerner, Atoka, TN,  
Mr. Matalee Hall, Mason, TN  
Mayor Walker, Atoka, TN  
Ms. Vickie Thompson, La Grange, TN  
Vice Mayor Mr. Earl Smith, La Grange, TN

### **1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

Executive Board Chair Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

### **2. Roll Call**

Ms. Kamillah Kelly, WTRPO Coordinator, called the roll. **Establish Quorum Meeting**

### **3. Approval of the Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Virtual Meeting**

**MOTION** by Technical Committee member Mr. Lin Thompson, to approve the Virtual Meeting in accordance with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order 16. **SECONDED** by Mr. Robert Turner (Proxy Executive Board Member Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

### **4. Approval of Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** by Executive Board member Hon. Mayor Maurice Gaines Jr, to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Mr. William Veazey, Director of Planning for Tipton County (Proxy, Executive Board member; Executive Jeff Huffman, County Executive of Tipton). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

### **5. Multimodal Access Grant Updates**

Mr. Matthew Cushing presented information about Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG) Updates and Program Schedule.

### **6. Multimodal Access Grant Presentation**

WTRPO Communities (Atoka, Covington, Halls, Henning, La Grange, Mason, and Ripley) presented MMAG projects for letter of support from WTRPO Board.

**7. Approval of the MMAG letter of support for WTRPO Communities MOTION** by Mr. Robert Turner (Proxy Executive Board Member Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville. **SECONDED** by Mr. William Veazey, Director of Planning for Tipton County (Proxy, Executive Board member; Executive Jeff Huffman, County Executive of Tipton). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**8. Community Transportation Planning Grant (CTPG) Updates**

Ms. Kelly presented the list of awarded CTPGs in the WTRPO area which are Tipton County, City of Munford, and the Town of Mason.

**9. WTRPO Updates/TAP**

Ms. Kelly presented grant updated information about the WTRPO area as well as the TAP grant.

**10. TDOT Comments**

Mr. Hawkins mentioned information about the TDOT Project Ranking meeting, Resurfacing list, Long Range Planning New Director, CTPG, TN Department of Health grant, and I-40/I-81 Corridor study.

**11. Questions/Discussion**

No Questions/Discussion

**12. Other Business/ Ranking Project Meeting Announcement**

Ms. Kelly stated that she will contact individuals via email to confirm attendance.

**13. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**14. Adjournment**

No public comment.

**MOTION** by Executive Board member Hon. Mayor Pugh. **SECONDED** by Technical Committee Chairman Mr. Robert Turner. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Meeting end 11:25 am.