

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

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeeting

March 16, 2021
10:05 A.M. CST

Executive Board Voting Members Present:

Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman
Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, 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 Neill, Mayor of Somerville
State Senator Paul Rose
Representative Chris Hurt, District 82

Technical Committee Voting Members Present:

Mr. Danny Hartsfield, Director of Maintenance Lauderdale County, Lauderdale County
Ms. Mendi Donnelly, Community Development Director, Town of Somerville
Mr. Robert Turner, Chairman, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville)
Mr. William Veazey, Vice-Chairman, Director of Planning for Tipton County
Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley)
Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative

Technical Committee Voting Members Absent:

Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Representative
Mr. Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley)
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford
Mr. Wayne Dowdy, Public Works Director, Fayette County, TN
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director

Also Present:

Mayor Washam, Brighton, TN
Amanda Ciapponi, Atoka, TN
Shelton I. Merrell, Southwest RPO
Ben Bradberry
Ben Ledsinger, Atoka, TN
Kwabena Aboagye (KB), TDOT
Ashley Owens, OCT Region 4 TDOT
Antoine Hawkins, OCT Region 4 TDOT
Kamillah Kelly, WTRPO
Stephen Seibert, TN
Stacy Morrison, TDOT

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Executive Board Chair Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

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. Robert Turner (Proxy Executive Board Member Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville) to approve the Virtual Meeting in accordance with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order 16. **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

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

MOTION by Mayor Eugene Pugh, Halls, TN to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Mr. Robert Turner (Proxy Executive Board Member Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

5. WTRPO and CTPG Updates

Ms. Kelly presented Halls RuPI grant updates and CTPG kick off meeting information.

6. MMAG and TDOT Updates

Ms. Owens mentioned MMAG awards would be announced in the Spring. Discussed American Rescue Plan.

7. WTRPO Bylaws Updates

Ms. Kelly presented WTRPO Bylaws Updates.

8. Questions/Discussion

Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee discussed bylaws, election of officers, and virtual meetings.

9. Approval of the Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee WTRPO Bylaws
MOTION by Mayor Maurice Gaines Jr., Lauderdale County, **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

10. Other Business
No other business

11. Public Comment
No public comment.

12. Adjournment
No public comment.

MOTION by Technical Committee member Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley), **SECONDED** by Technical Committee member Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Meeting end 10:26 am.