

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

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeeting

June 22, 2021
10:05 A.M. CST

Executive Board Voting Members Present:

Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, Chairman
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
Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman

Technical Committee Voting Members Present:

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. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director

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. Danny Hartsfield, Director of Maintenance Lauderdale County, Lauderdale County
Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County

Also Present:

Norma Davis, Mason, TN
Amanda Ciapponi, Atoka, TN
Shelton I. Merrell, Southwest RPO
Ben Bradberry, Northwest RPO
Matalee Hall, Mason, TN
Robert Johnson, TDOT
Ashley Owens, OCT Region 4 TDOT
Kamillah Kelly, WTRPO

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. Executive Board Chair Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor **Establish Quorum Meeting**

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

MOTION by Mayor Eugene Pugh, Halls, TN to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

4. WTRPO and CTPG Updates

Ms. Kelly presented CTPG meeting updates for Mason, Munford, and Tipton County. She also presented updates on the Halls RuPI grant and the Atoka Roundabout.

5. Resurfacing and MMAG Updates

Ms. Owens mentioned future paving projects, road diets, and other potential project awareness. Mr. Robert Johnson announce WTRPO Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG) awardees and mentioned some of the regulations for the next MMAG grant cycle.

6. Questions/Discussion

Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee discussed road diets, MMAG ranking regulations, and MMAG statewide list.

7. Other Business

No other business

8. Public Comment

No public comment.

9. Adjournment

No public comment.

MOTION by Executive Board member proxy Mr. Robert Turner, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville), **SECONDED** by Executive Board member Mayor Eugene Pugh, Halls, TN. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Meeting end 10:42 am.

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