

Center Hill RPO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Nick's Restaurant, Cookeville, TN
March 23, 2018

Members Present: Kenneth Carey, Denny Wayne Robinson, Andy Duggin, James Mayberry, Jeff Young by proxy, Jimmy Haley by proxy, Randy Porter by proxy, Ricky Shelton by proxy, Terri Lynn Weaver, Tim Stribling.

Others Present: Mark Farley, Tommy Lee, Virginia Solimine, Tammy ODell, Kevin Robinson, Jon Ward, Kevin Teagarden, Andrea Barbour, Stacy Morrison, and Seth Clinard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Mayor Kenneth Carey and it was determined there was a quorum. After a moment to review the November 16, 2017, meeting minutes, Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duggan, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carey briefly discussed the Community Transportation Planning Grant ranking approval process. Stacy Morrison of TDOT stated that no formal ranking was required on behalf of the Executive Committee and that the ranking scores assigned by the Technical Committee would be used by TDOT in the application review process.

Next, discussion turned to the election of officers for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Chris Dorsey suggested Denny Wayne Robinson serve as the Committee Chair. Mr. Robinson agreed with this recommendation and Mr. Dorsey made a motion, seconded by Tim Stribling, to nominate Mr. Robinson as the incoming Executive Committee Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously. After a brief discussion of the Vice Chair position and the upcoming elections, Mr. Mills made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duggan, for Mayor Jimmy Poss to continue in his role as Vice Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time Sara Elmore of TDOT introduced Andrea Barbour who provided a presentation on the Center Hill Rural Regional Plan Kickoff. The goal of this planning process is to develop regional transportation plans for rural areas which include inventories and long term needs. Another goal is to provide a framework for the future taking into account needs in the next five, ten, to twenty years and beyond. Ms. Barbour indicated that Ms. Solimine will reach out to communities this summer to schedule one-on-one meetings to help facilitate this planning work.

Next, Ms. Solimine and Jonathan Russell of TDOT walked the Committee through the TDOT SPOT website. SPOT was built to use as a resource and increase transparency among TDOT projects. It is user friendly and highly customizable and reflects all projects both new and back-logged. Mr. Russell stated that the website is maintained by the Community Relations Department and they are happy to help users with any technical assistance they may need.

Mr. Morrison spoke to the Committee about project updates on behalf of Wes Hughen who was unable to attend the meeting. He touched on each of the projects listed below:

1. SR-136 S. Jefferson Ave. from near I-40 to Near SR-111 (IA)
2. SR-28 US-127 From north of I-40 to near Potato Farm Road (IA)
3. SR-28 US-127 From near Potato Farm Road to near Hollow Lane (IA)
4. SR-26 US-70 Nashville Hwy. from near SR-53 to near SR-96 (IA)
5. SR-28 US-127 From near Hollow Lane to near Lowe Road (IA)
6. SR-462 PROP. Northwest connector - from near US-127 (SR-28) to near SR-298(IA)
7. SR-462 PROP. Northwest connector - from SR-24 (US-70N) to near SR-28(US-127) in Crossville (IA)
8. I-40 ITS Expansion at Rockwood Mountain (IA)

Ms. Elmore reminded the Committee members of the ETRIMS resource and stated that a training session is planned for April; details are forthcoming.

With no other business to address, or any public comments, Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stribling, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Center Hill RPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: James Mills, Tim Begley via proxy, Shane Gannon, Bill Brock via proxy, Butch Agee via proxy, Chad Marcum, Clay Parker via proxy, Andy Duggin, Jeff Young via proxy, Kenneth Carey, Kevin Robinson, Kevin Rush, Mark Farley, Randy Jones via proxy, Rebecca Harris via proxy, Kurt Heischmidt, Rodney Boyd, Scott Blaylock, Tim Stribling, Tommy Lee, and Tara Wohlgemuth.

Others Present: Virginia Solimine, Tammy ODell, Kevin Robinson, Jon Ward, Kevin Teagarden, Andrea Barbour, Stacy Morrison, and Seth Clinard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM and Ms. Virginia Solimine gave a Roll Call and determined there was a quorum. After taking a moment to review the previous meeting minutes, Chad Marcum made a motion to approve the November 16, 2017, meeting minutes which was seconded by Kevin Rush. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Elmore of TDOT spoke to the Committee about the upcoming Community Transportation Planning Grants and indicated that there were 20 applications received from around the State; two were from Center Hill RPO. She shared a document that contained measures that will be used to score applications and asked Committee Members to take a few moments to score the two proposed projects based on the criterion. This information will be used by HQ in the decision making process.

At this time, John Ward gave a brief overview of the CTPG application submitted by the City of Cookeville. He indicated that the City received this funding previously and the information they collected through that project was highly valuable. In this funding round, the City is proposing to use a third-party consultant to make updates to its current walking/biking plan. James Mills added that this application focuses on connectivity. Tara Wohlgemuth asked if funding is granted, would there be an Advisory Committee put in place. Mr. Mills said that is very likely and would be fleshed out in the scope of the project.

Next, Ms. Solimine presented on behalf of the Town of Baxter. Their CTPG application is for a corridor study at the intersection of I-40 and Highway 56. Traffic signals were installed at both the north and south side of the I-40 overpass but those are temporary given the 5th Interchange work. The application reflects demographics related to housing growth, new business growth, and ever increasing traffic to Cummins Falls State Park.

At this point, the Committee focused on electing Officers for the coming year. Rodney Boyd made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rush, to appoint James Mills to another term as the Committee Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously. Next, Kenneth Carey made a motion, seconded by Rodney Boyd, to appoint Tim Begley to another term as the Vice Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills called for other business. Ms. Elmore spoke briefly about the E-TRIMS system and said that there is tentatively a training workshop scheduled in Cookeville for April 24; more information is forthcoming.

With no other business to address or any public comments, Rodney Boyd made a motion, seconded by Chris Dorsey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. The motion carried unanimously.