

Dale Hollow RPO Technical & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Upper Cumberland Development District, Cookeville, TN
May 28, 2020
Held virtually due to COVID-19

Technical Members Present: Kevin Donaldson, Ray Evans, Kurt Heischmidt, Dwight Jewell, Jeff Mason (Proxy for Committee Chair Sonya King), Mary Turner, Evan White

Executive Members Present: Lyndon Baines, Stephen Chambers, Ben Danner, Richard Driver, Carey Garner, Randy Heady, Jimmy Johnson, Steve Jones, Jeff Mason, Dale Reagan, Tonya Spears, Lloyd Williams

Others Present: Jonathan Russell, TDOT; John Zurkle, TDOT; Robert Rogers, TDOT; Megan Reagan, media; Marsha Lee, media; Virginia Alexander, UCDD; Marcie Ackerman, UCDD

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these committee meetings were held simultaneously.

Welcome & Introduction:

Mark Dudney welcomes the Dale Hollow RPO Committee members, outlines the contents of the packet provided and explained the virtual nature of this meeting and gave a brief tutorial on the Zoom features. Mr. Dudney then asked Technical Committee Vice Chair, Ray Evans to call the meeting to order and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Technical Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:

At 11:03 am Ray Evans, the Technical Committee Vice Chair, calls the Technical Committee to order. Mark Dudney conducts a roll call of the Technical Committed and announces that a quorum has been obtained.

Approval of December 12, 2019 Technical Committee Meeting minutes:

Ray Evans opens floor for the approval of the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Dwight Jewell makes a motion to approve, the motion is seconded by [REDACTED]. The motion passes *unanimously*.

Executive Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:

At 11:08 am Richard Driver, the Executive Committee Chair, calls the Executive Committee to order. Mark Dudney conducts a roll call of the Executive Committed and announces that a quorum has been obtained.

Approval of December 12, 2019 Technical Committee Meeting minutes:

Richard Driver opens floor for the approval of the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Steve Jones makes a motion to approve, the motion is seconded by Dale Reagan. The motion passes *unanimously*.

Dale Hollow RPO Updates:

Community Transportation Planning Grants: Awarded to all four communities that applied – Gainesboro, Lafayette, Jamestown and Byrdstown.

Cumberland Historic Byway: Mr. Dudney has been working with Mike McClanahan, TDOT, in applying for a National Scenic Byway designation for the byway in Clay, Fentress, Overton and Pickett Counties. The Technical Committee needed to recommend this supplement to the Executive Board for adoption.

Mr. Evans called for the motion to recommend the supplement to the Executive Board. Motion was made by Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Sutherland seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Mr. Dudney then performed a roll call vote of the Technical Committee and motion carried **11-0**. Motion was then put before the Executive Board for approval. Mr. Reagan made the motion to approve and adopt the supplement and Mr. Danner seconded the motion. Mr. Dudney performed a roll vote of the motion and the Executive Committee passed the motion **9-0**.

Presentation of TDOT updates:

I-40 Corridor Study Update: Jonathan Russell, TDOT Region 3, spoke on Interstate 40/I81 Corridor Study being performed. Currently examining all 455 miles of Interstate 40. TDOT is holding public meetings and stressed importance of public feedback. Addressed possible truck climbing lanes like in Smith County as options due to the freight concerns.

Resurfacing Coordination: Andrea Noel, TDOT Region 2, mentioned TDOTs will work on being more transparent with notification of projects. Ms. Noel also stressed desire for public feedback.

Multimodal Access Grant: Mr. Dudney announced Celina was awarded a grant and will initiate that process soon. The Notice to Intent phase should open late July for those looking to participate this year.

Rural Planning Initiatives (RuPI): Mr. Dudney spoke on a pilot program through TDOT for grants with a maximum for \$25,000 with no match. Funds can be used for the following: Access Management Study, Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, Corridor Study, Road Diet Analysis, Resurfacing/Striping Plan for roads, Transportation Facility Inventory, Transportation Feasibility Study, Transportation Systems Management and Operations or Other Transportation-Related Planning Studies. This grant only applies to counties/municipalities considered distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Public comment: Ms. Wohlgemuth asked if the state parks will be notified prior to resurfacing projects or if the notification would just go to local mayors? TDOT responded the parks should be notified directly.

Adjourn Technical Committee:

With no other business to discuss both the Technical Committee and Executive Board meetings were adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

