

**Center Hill RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**Upper Cumberland Development District, Cookeville, TN**  
**June 11, 2024**

**Technical Members Present:** Sean Patten, Dean Selby (Chair), Kevin Rush, James Mills, Tim Begley, Stanley Hall, Rodney Boyd, Mark Farley (via proxy Tommy Lee), Ty Walker (via proxy Marcie Ackerman), Tommy Lee, Chad Marcum, Nolan Ming, Jerry Sawyer (via proxy Chad Marcum), Kevin Robinson, Robert Becker, and Sammy Talent

**Executive Members Present:** Denny Wayne Robinson (Chair), Josh Miller (via proxy Josh Hawkins), Ryle Chastain (via proxy Nolan Ming), Randy Porter (via proxy Kevin Rush), and Laurin Wheaton (via proxy Jon Ward)

**Others Present:** Kevin Layne, TDOT; Bently Thomas, TDOT; Jenna McKenzie, Nick Meek, John Beck

**Welcome & Introduction:**

Sean Patten, the new Center Hill RPO Coordinator introduced himself and asked Dean Selby, Technical Committee Chair, to call the Technical Committee meeting to order.

**Technical Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:**

At 1:01 p.m. Mr. Patten conducted a roll call of the Technical Committee and announced that a quorum was obtained.

**Approval of December 2, 2023, Technical Committee Meeting minutes:**

Mr. Dean Selby opened the floor for the approval of the December 5, 2023, meeting minutes. Rodney Boyd made a motion for the minutes to be approved and James Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:**

At 1:05 p.m. Mr. Denny Wayne Robinson called the Executive Committee to order. Mr. Patten conducted a roll call of the Executive Committee and announced that a quorum was obtained.

**Approval of December 2, 2023, Technical Committee Meeting minutes:**

Mr. Denny Wayne Robinson opened the floor for the approval of the December 2, 2023, meeting minutes. Nolan Ming made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Denny Wayne Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Urban Boundaries Adoption:**

Bently Thomas from TDOT presented an overview of how TDOT has proposed to recategorize roads to keep from going from urban to rural to urban, etc. This will have no impact on the municipalities – only TDOT will be impacted.

This will ensure the roads are paved/constructed in a more uniform way. TDOT needed approval from the RPO to adopt the proposed Urban Areas.

After a brief discussion, James Mills from the Technical Committee made a motion to approve and send to the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Kevin Rush. The motion then went to the Executive Board where Dean Selby made a motion to approve and Kevin Rush provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Center Hill RPO Updates:**

Mr. Patten provided a quick update on training sessions/conferences he has/will attend this summer. He then provided an update on some grants he inherited from previous Center Hill RPO Coordinators and a brief overview of grants he has submitted since he started.

Mr. Patten then provided information on the 2025-26 Dale Hollow RPO Work Plan. His tasks would stay the same as the last contract except for the last task.

- Rural Planning, Program Management – Meetings
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Transportation Grants Coordination
- Rural Planning, Program Administration – Professional Development
- Previously this task was for previous coordinators to work on the Rural Reimagined Program with Dr. Chen at Tennessee Tech. Mr. Patten has asked this task be changed to Multimodal Inventory Planning. This will allow Mr. Patten to ensure roads and sidewalks have one centralized inventory location.

Chad Marcum from the Technical Committee made a motion to approve and send to the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Nolan Ming. The motion then went to the Executive Board where Kevin Rush made a motion to approve and Nolan Ming provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**TDOT Updates:**

Kevin Layne from TDOT provided an overview of the new 10-year plan. Explained TDOT is taking a “what gets started gets finished” approach to projects.

James Mills asked if the Putnam County project that was on the 10-year plan was the widening of Interstate 40 at Monterey. It was confirmed and Rob Howard mentioned there were preliminary discussions about an auxiliary lane from Jefferson Avenue to 111 in Phase Two. Mr. Mills then asked about resurfacing Willow Avenue to Broad Street. Mr. Ward asked about the Jackson Street/Willow Avenue intersection. The City of Cookeville has put its own funds into this project but was hoping to get TDOT assistance with Willow being a state road.

**Adjourn Technical Committee:**

With no other business to discuss, both the Technical Committee and Executive Board meetings were adjourned at 1:26 p.m.