

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

University of Memphis-Millington Campus
Millington, Tennessee

December 10, 2019
11:25 A.M. CST

Executive Board Voting Members Present:

Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, Chairman
Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman
Mr. William Veazey, Director of Planning for Tipton County (Proxy, Executive Jeff Huffman, County Executive of Tipton)
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford)
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:

Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford
Executive Jeff Huffman, Mayor of Tipton County
Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville
Senator Paul Rose, District 32
Representative Chris Hurt, District 82

Technical Committee Voting Members Present:

Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County
Mr. Robert Turner, Chairman, Town Administrator, Town of Somerville
Mr. William Veazey, Vice Chairman, Director of Planning for Tipton County, Tipton County
Ms. Mendi Donnelly, Community Development Director, Town of Somerville
Mr. Danny Hartsfield, Director of Maintenance Lauderdale County, Lauderdale County
Mr. Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director

Technical Committee Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County
Mr. Wayne Dowdy, Fayette County Public Works Director, Fayette County
Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Representative
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative, Commissioner of Piperton

Also Present:

Ms. Kamillah Kelly, MAAG-WTRPO Coordinator
Mr. Mark Herbison, HTL Advantage
Mr. Gary Scruggs, TDOT Region 4
Mr. Brian Hurst, TDOT Transportation Manager II
Mr. David Gray, Public Works Director, Covington, TN
Mr. Shelton Merrell, SWTDD-RPO Coordinator
Ms. Dana Rose, Ripley Gas & Water, Ripley, TN
Mr. Ed Hargraves, A2H

Mr. Chris Armstrong, TDOT Transportation Manager 1, Region 4
Mr. Calvin Abram, Community Transportation Planning Supervisor, OCT Region 4, TDOT
Ms. Ashley Owens, Community Transportation Planner OCT Region 4, TDOT
Mr. Antoine Hawkins, Senior Community Transportation Planner, OCT Region 4, TDOT
Mr. George Watson, Public Works Director, Munford, TN
Mr. Rich Ali, Developer
Mr. Alan Cherry, Public Works Director, Halls, TN
Mr. Ben Bradberry, NWTDD-RPO Coordinator
Hon. Jon Pavletic, Mayor of Ripley
Mr. Kwabena Aboagye (KB), Assistant Director, TDOT

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

Executive Board Chair Hon. Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:25 A.M.

2. **Roll Call**

Hon. Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the roll as WTRPO Coordinator Ms. Kamillah Kelly marked off roll. **Establish Quorum Meeting**

3. **Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Mr. William Veazey to approve & the **SECONDED** by Mr. Robert Turner. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

4. **Questions/Discussion**

Mayor Taylor read the recommendation from the Technical Committee WTRPO TDOT Project Ranking to the WTRPO Executive Board.

Mayor Taylor asked about the phases of the projects and scoring.

The I-69 project was discussed.

Mayor Gaines expressed concerns about having more details on the project maps.

A TDOT representative explained the PE phase.

Mayor Pavletic expressed concerns about no longer being a voting member on the WTRPO Executive Board.

Ms. Kelly stated that the Lauderdale County Mayor selects the WTRPO Executive Board members for Lauderdale County.

Mayor Taylor asked about funding for a thoroughfare study.

Approval of TDOT Project Ranking MOTION by Mr. Robert Turner to approve the WTRPO TDOT Project Ranking as presented. **SECONDED** by Mayor Gaines. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

5. **TDOT CTPG Presentation**

Mr. Hawkins presented information about the Community Transportation Planning Grant (CTPG) that included corridor studies and funding.

Mr. Hawkins also mentioned the Traffic Signal Modernization Program.

Mr. Kwabena Aboagye (KB) spoke about the Rural Planning Initiative (RuPI).

6. **WTRPO Updates and Traffic Signal Modernization Program**

Ms. Kelly presented information about current Multimodal Access Grant activities, West Tennessee Rural Regional Transportation Plan, ADA contact updates, and the Traffic Signal Modernization Program.

7. **Other Business**

Mr. Kwabena Aboagye (KB) mentioned that the elected officials should let the RPO

know about projects that he/she would like to see that were not on the list.
Mayor Taylor mentioned that he wants to meet with MAAG representatives and the other
Mayors to better understand the RuPI.

8. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION by Chairman Taylor to adjourn. **SECONDED** by Mr. Robert Turner.

Unanimously **APPROVED** by standing.

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