

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

UT Martin Somerville Center, Chickasaw Community
Somerville, TN

November 29, 2022
2:08 pm CST

Executive Board Voting Members Present

Hon. Rhea "Skip" Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, Chairman
Mr. John Smith (Proxy for Hon. Maurice Gaines, Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman)
Mr. William Veazey, Director of Planning for Tipton County (Proxy Executive Huffman of Tipton County)
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford)
Hon. Eugene Pugh, Mayor of Halls
Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville
Representative Chris Hurt, District 82

Executive Board Voting Members Absent

Hon. Maurice Gaines, Mayor of Lauderdale County
Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford
Executive Jeff Huffman, Mayor of Tipton County
Senator Paul Rose, District 32

Technical Committee Voting Members Present

Ms. Mendi Donnelly, Community Development Director, Town of Somerville
Mr. Danny Hartsfield, Lauderdale County Director of Maintenance, Lauderdale County
Mr. Robert Turner, Town Administrator, City of Somerville
Hon. Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor, Ripley, TN
Mr. Marc Woerner, Town Administrator, Atoka, TN
Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative, Commissioner of Piperton

Technical Committee Voting Members Absent

Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Representative
Mr. Wayne Dowdy, Fayette County Public Works Director, Fayette County

Also Present

Ms. Kamillah Kelly, MAAG-WTRPO Coordinator
Mr. Antoine Hawkins, Planning Supervisor, OCT Region 4, TDOT
Mr. Brandon Akins, TDOT
Mr. Gary Scruggs, TDOT
Cedric Hamilton, Minority Business Development Agency
Representative Debra Moody, District 81
Mayor Quenton Reed, Henning, TN
Mr. Brian Hurst, TDOT
Mr. Steve Sellers, TDOT
Ms. Virginia Rivers, Vice-Mayor, Mason, TN
Ms. Norma Davis, Mason, TN
Mr. Shelton Merrell, SWTDD-RPO Coordinator, Virtual Attendee
Ms. Bethany Brock, NWTDD-RPO Coordinator, Virtual Attendee
Ms. Lisa Cross, SCTDD-RPO Coordinator, Virtual Attendees
Mr. Stacy Morrison, TDOT, Virtual Attendee

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**
Executive Board Chair Hon. Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Ms. Kelly called the roll, and Mayor Taylor approved the **Established Quorum for the Meeting.**
3. **Approval of Executive Board and Technical Committees Meeting Minutes**
MOTION by Mr. William Veazey to approve; **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh. Unanimously **APPROVED.**
4. **Blue Oval City Road Projects Presentation**
Mr. Steven Sellers presented on Blue Oval City Development and SR-194 Extension I-40 Exit 39.
5. **TDOT Presentation on Prioritization and Projects to be Ranked**
Mr. Brian Hurst presented on WTRPO proposed projects and the WTRPO committed project.
6. **Questions/Discussion**
Discussed SR-19, SR-194, and other projects.
7. **TDOT Updates**
Mr. Hawkins gave an update on Tennessee Electric Vehicle Infrastructure charging stations.
8. **WTRPO Updates & CTPR**
Ms. Kelly presented updates on TDOT's Multimodal Access Grant ,Transportation Planning Grant, and the Community Transportation Planning Request Form.

9. **Special Thanks**
Ms. Kelly thanked the legislators and TDOT presenters.
10. **Other Business**
No other business.
11. **Public Comment**
No public comment.
12. **Adjournment**
MOTION by Mr. Derek Kissell to adjourn. Unanimously **APPROVED** by standing at 4:01 pm.

APPROVED