

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

UT Martin Somerville Center, Chickasaw Community
Somerville, TN

December 8, 2022
2:06 pm CST

Executive Board Voting Members Present

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

Executive Board Voting Members Absent

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. Wayne Dowdy, Fayette County Public Works Director, Fayette County
Mr. Alex Wilson (Proxy for Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County)
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative, Commissioner of Piperton

Technical Committee Voting Members Absent

Ms. Pragati Srivastava, Memphis MPO Representative
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County

Also Present

Ms. Kamillah Kelly, MAAG-WTRPO Coordinator
Mr. Antoine Hawkins, Community Transportation Planner Supervisor , OCT Region 4, TDOT
Ms. Ashley Owens, Senior Community Transportation Planner, OCT Region 4, TDOT
Ms. Cyndi Timbs, Covington, TN
Ms. Jan Hensley, Covington, TN

Representative Debra Moody, District 81
Mayor Eddie Noeman, Mason, TN
Mr. Joe Barker, SWTDD
Ms. Rachel Powers, ECD
Ms. Virginia Rivers, Vice-Mayor, Mason, TN
Mr. Sam Jordan, A2H
Mr. David Smith, A2H
Mr. Shelton Merrell, SWTDD-RPO Coordinator, Virtual Attendee
Ms. Bethany Brock, NWTDD-RPO Coordinator, Virtual Attendee
Ms. Thiera Taylor, Community Transportation Planner, 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 2:06 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Ms. Kelly called the roll, and Mayor Taylor approved the **Established Quorum for the Meeting.**
3. **Blue Oval Impact-ECD**
Ms. Rachel Powers Selbe presented on Blue Oval Impact to the WTRPO.
4. **TDOT WTRPO Project Prioritization Review**
Ms. Kelly presented the WTRPO Project Prioritization list.
5. **Open voting for Project Prioritization Voting Form-Technical Committee**
WTRPO Technical Committee voted via Survey Monkey with a wait time of 20 minutes.
6. **Results of TDOT WTRPO Project Prioritizations**
Ms. Kelly presented the results of the Survey Monkey. The WTRPO did not like the format of the Survey Monkey results and requested to do an oral vote for TDOT WTRPO Project Prioritization. The WTRPO discussed the meaningfulness of projects.
7. **Motion & Adjournment**
Mr. Marc Woerner makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the WTRPO Technical Committee and Executive Board joint meeting so the WTRPO Technical Committee can meet separately to rank TDOT WTRPO Projects by an oral vote. **SECONDED** by William Veazey. Unanimously **APPROVED at 3:46 pm.**
8. **WTRPO Technical Committee and Executive Board Joint Meeting Reconvene**
Call to Order
Executive Board Chair Hon. Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:56 pm.

9. **Motion to accept the WTRPO Technical Committee ranking and submit to TDOT MOTION** by Mayor Gaines **SECOND** by Mayor Pugh
10. **Blue Oval Updates**
Mr. Joe Barker presented briefly on Blue Oval updates.
11. **Other Business**
No other business.
12. **Public Comment**
No public comment.
13. **Adjournment**
MOTION by Mayor Gaines to adjourn. Unanimously **APPROVED** by standing at 4:00 pm.

APPROVED