

# RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

## RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

June 9th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### Minutes

#### Attendance:

Josh Freeman	Mark Burrows	Vicki Eastland	Zia Rifkin
Pam Cook	Kris Boyd	Denise Braine	Chris Craig
Karen Kiehna	Scott Collier	Erica Anderson	
Kristina Solberg	Ed Green		

#### WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am; he welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions followed. He communicated that the Agenda needed to be approved with no modification requested.

**Mark Burrows moved to approve the Agenda without modification. Kris Body seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Kris Boyd moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Mark Burrows seconded and as all were in favor the motion carried.**

#### RPO BUSINESS

Approve Edits to LOSRPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Vicki Eastland shared the background of the LOSRPO with regards to the MOU. She communicated that all changes to the MOU have been highlighted in the copy provided. The main reasons for the changes are outlined on page three: to revise term limits to more than one year for TAC members. Vicki Eastland shared that once the TAC has adopted the MOU, that governing bodies will need to adopt the Amended MOU.

Discussion occurred regarding the term limits and if it would be better to have three-year term limits. Consensus was that two or three-year term limits would be preferable (two or three years based on length of term limitations within a member jurisdiction).

Discussion also occurred regarding the verbiage in the MOU regarding member jurisdictions within a county and Vicki Eastland shared that all incorporated areas in Buncombe County are within the MPO region and the wording was left in for consistency.

**Mark Burrows moved to approve the edits to the MOU including changing the term limit to two or three years to allow jurisdictions to follow their particular appointment cycle**

**and to forward that on to the LOSRPO TAC for consideration Kris Boyd seconded and the motion carried upon a vote and without further discussion.**

Approve LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Assignment of Local Input Points: Vicki Eastland shared that RPO staff have held county-level meetings in each county to discuss the projects and scoring and got everyone's local priority. Projects were scored based on the RPO's methodology. Regarding the US276 Jonathon Creek Road Project- which is 79% in the RPO and 21% in the MPO, it has been determined that the LOSRPO will transfer 21 points to the FBRMPO so the project will receive the full 100 points. The next step is to send this to the TAC and to hold a public hearing. Posted/advertised on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Public hearing planned for June 22, 2016.

**Karen Kiehna moved to approve the LOSRPO Draft Regional Assignment of Local Input Points and to forward that to the TAC for their consideration. Kris Boyd seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

Chairman Freeman expressed appreciation to Vicki Eastland for all of her hard work.

Review LOSRPO Public Outreach Strategy for SPOT 4.0: Vicki Eastland shared that the LOSRPO Public Outreach Strategy consists of an advertisement in the Mountain Express, an online survey of the Draft Regional Impact Projects assigned Local Input Points, an ArcGIS online map of the LOSRPO Regional Impact Projects, and a list of the Draft Regional Impact Projects Local Input assignments. All links can be found in the LOSRPO TCC agenda packet posted on the LOSRPO's website:

[http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/2016\\_06\\_09\\_TCC\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/2016_06_09_TCC_Agenda.pdf)

The online survey is open until June 22, 2016 which is the day of the public hearing. Mark Burrows requested that an ad be placed in the Transylvania Times as well to increase outreach to Transylvania County. Karen Kiehna shared that the Madison County News Record and Sentinel would need to have the ad copy today in order to publish it on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month (when the next edition of the paper comes out).

**No action required.**

## **REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 Division 14 updates

Transportation Planning Branch Updates were provided by Pam Cook who has replaced Brendan Merithew in the interim until a new staff is assigned.

Legislative Updates

Staff Updates and Housekeeping

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Freeman thanked everyone for attending today's LOSRPO TCC meeting.

**Mark Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Freeman seconded and the meeting was adjourned.**