East Alabama Rural Planning Organization  
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – North District  
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2014  
Leesburg, AL

Members in Attendance:
Les Hopson, ALDoT 1st Division  
Robert Nail, Etowah County  
Corey Chambers, Cherokee County  
Mayor Edward Mackey, Town of Leesburg  
Mayor Tony Wilkie, City of Centre  
Henry Barnes, Town of Walnut Grove

Other Attendees:
Robin Caler  
Diane Glenn

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30. Robin Caler stated that the minutes were available for review and asked everyone to take a few minutes to read the minutes. After a few minutes she asked if there were any questions or edits that were needed. There being none, Mayor Wilkie then asked for a motion to approve the minutes which was granted by Mayor Mackie and seconded by Robert Nail. Mayor Wilkie then asked if there was any other old business which there was none.

The meeting then progressed on to New Business and Mayor Wilkie asked if there were any reports of Officers, staff and or Committees. Caler gave an update of some of the grant work that EARPCD had just completed for local governments and the diversity of projects. Mayor Mackey asked a question about a grant program for property and parks. A brief discussion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund occurred.

The next item on the agenda was an update by ALDoT of road projects. The report was given by Mr. Les Hopson. He reported on three projects in Cherokee County and three in Etowah County (see attachment). Following Mr. Hopson’s report, the meeting progressed on to the next item on the agenda, an update on County road projects by the County Engineers present.

Mr. Chambers of Cherokee County gave a report on the paving projects the County has underway. He stated they are nearly complete, with only striping remaining. He stated there were several projects that were making progress. County Roads 16, 22, 29, and 31 would be “let” at the end of the month, with 2 more in August and an additional 2 in September. He stated that would pretty much finish up the ATRIP projects. He stated that all of the ATRIP projects would be let by the end of the summer and that there were two state aid projects that are finished with the exception of the striping.

Mr. Nail, representing the Etowah County Engineering Office reported on the projects for Etowah County. He stated that the County’s projects were primarily bridges from ATRIP. He discussed Mail Road (finished), Bud Umphrey Road (currently working on) and Stephens Gap Road.
The next meeting was set for September 11, 2014 and meeting place was set as Leesburg FEMA shelter. There being further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Wilkie, and seconded by Mr. Nail.
ALDOT First Division Projects Update

East Alabama RPO 07/10/2014

STPAA-HSIP-0068(507) Cherokee County 100057508
Widening and Resurfacing SR-68 from the DeKalb/Cherokee County line to SR-25 (US-411)
This project has been completed

BR-0068  Cherokee County 100049707
Bridge Removal on SR-68 over TAG Railroad 0.5 miles north of SR-273. ALDOT has a design
consultant working on plan development and Right-of-Way acquisition has started. Scheduled
for FY 2015.

STPAA-0025(518) Etowah County 100008733
Base and Pave on US-411 from the Four lanes in Gadsden to Turkeytown. Project was awarded
to Good Hope contracting in the amount of $18,463,000. Work is about 70% complete and
should be completed by the end of this year.

BR-0179(500) & BR-0179(501) Etowah County 100050053, 100050009
Bridge Replacement and approaches over Wade and Cove Creeks. Project was awarded to
Whitaker Contracting in the amount of $2,398,391.00. Work is 80% complete and should be
finished by this fall.

STPAA-HSIP-0132(502) Etowah County 100058848
Widening and Resurfacing SR-132 from Blount/Etowah County line to US-278. Project will let
in February 2014. Paving work is complete.

STPAA-0025(538) Cherokee County 100058853
Resurfacing US-411 from CR-161 (MP 249.0 to the Alabama/Georgia State line. Project let to
contract in May 2014. Low bid was submitted by Good Hope Contracting for $3,089,575. Work
will start this summer.
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