

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – North District
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 14, 2013, 2013 - 1:30 p.m.
Gadsden Etowah Chamber of Commerce
1 Commerce Square, Gadsden, AL

Members in Attendance:

Johnny Harris, ALDoT 1st Division
Les Hopson, ALDoT 1st Division
Robert Nail, Etowah County
Kenny Tidmore, Etowah County
Tim Graves, Etowah County
Mayor Edward Mackey, Town of Leesburg
Mayor Tony Wilkie, City of Centre
Henry Barnes, Town of Walnut Grove

Other Attendees:

Robin Caler

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. by Mayor Wilkie.

B. Election of Officers:

Ms. Caler gave the status of officers and stated that as yet there were no new officers elected and no volunteers. Ms. Caler asked Mayor's Wilkie and Mackey if they would volunteer to continue serving as Policy Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Both were agreeable. Ms. Caler then asked Commissioner Tidmore if he would continue to serve as Regional Policy Committee Chair and he agreed.

C. Old Business:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and no changes were noted. The minutes were approved by a motion from Mayor Mackey and seconded by Mr. Nail.

D. New Business:

1. Report of Officers, Staff and/or Committees:

Ms. Caler shared information about upcoming training opportunities for the Every Day Counts 2 Initiative Summits. She provided attendees with handouts detailing the subjects and dates of the training; along with information on registration.

2. ALDoT Update on Road Projects:

Updates were given by Mr. Harris and Mr. Hopson on current road projects in Etowah and Cherokee counties.

E. Livability Resource Team (CLEAR Plan 2030)

Robin Caler gave an update on the CLEAR Plan 2030 project. She stated that one element of the project was for the various LRT's to identify barriers to livability. She stated the Anniston/Calhoun and Gadsden/Etowah Metropolitan Planning Organizations had identified barriers to livability and asked the Rural Planning Organization members in attendance to review and expand on those barriers. A discussion of barriers related to both urban and rural roads as well as transit through the region occurred.

F. Open Discussion and Announcements

The next meeting date was set for July 11, 2013 at 1:30. Mayor Mackey stated he would host the meeting in Cherokee County.

All items on the agenda being addressed and no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkie motioned for adjournment, which was seconded by Mayor Mackey.