

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization  
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – North District  
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2012  
Etowah County Courthouse, — Gadsden, Alabama

Members in Attendance:

Corey Chambers representing Cherokee County  
Ben Thackerson representing ALDOT  
Matt Johnson representing ALDOT  
Mayor Ethel Sprouse representing the Town of Cedar Bluff  
Commissioner Perry Guin representing Etowah County  
Robert Nail representing Etowah County  
Judge Melvyn Salter representing Cherokee County  
Mayor Edward Mackey representing the Town of Leesburg  
Dawn Landholm for Bill Curtis

Other Attendees:

Robin Caler  
Ashley Myers

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10. The members were presented with the minutes from the previous meeting and took a moment to review the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Salter and seconded by Robert Nail. The minutes were approved with no discussion.

Ms. Landholm then gave a report on the Surface Transportation Authorization. There was no new information to report. There were still the temporary extensions on the Federal Transportation Authorization.

The next item on the agenda was a report from ALDOT.

ALDOT Division 1 then gave a report on the current and projected projects for the Northern RPO District.

Mr. Nail of Etowah County then gave a project status update.

Mr. Cory Chambers of Cherokee County then gave a project status update.

Ms Landholm then introduced Ms. Myers who gave a presentation on the CLEAR Plan 2030. Ms. Myers gave an overview of the project which included the funding sources, purpose and proposed planning process. She also discussed demographics of the region and how the Plan will benefit the residents of the entire region. Once Ms. Myers completed her presentation she opened the floor for questions. Mayor Mackey asked how much money was involved in the planning process. Ms. Landholm explained that there

was just over one-half million dollars in HUD money and that was being leveraged against other Federal dollars the Planning Commission receives.

There being no further questions, the topic turned to the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2012 at Leesburg in the FEMA shelter at 1:30. There being no further business items, the meeting was adjourned.