

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – North District
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 10, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Leesburg Community Storm Shelter
411 Industrial Boulevard, Leesburg, AL

Members in Attendance:

Les Hopson representing ALDOT
Lynn Wood representing ALDOT 1st Division
Meng Han representing ALDOT 1st Division
Corey Chambers representing Cherokee County
Robert Nail representing Etowah County
Mayor Ethel Sprouse representing the Town of Cedar Bluff
Mayor Edward Mackey representing the Town of Leesburg
Mayor Tony Wilkie representing the City of Centre
Henry Barnes representing the Town of Walnut Grove

Other Attendees:

Robin Caler
Ashley Myers

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. by Mayor Wilkie.

Mayor Wilkie welcomed those in attendance to Leesburg and moved on to the first item on the agenda, Old Business. Mr. Nail made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mayor Mackie. The minutes were unanimously approved with no comment.

The next item on the agenda was New Business, Ms. Caler gave a brief update on the Surface Transportation Authorization - there was not much progress made since the last meeting. The House was looking at a five year reauthorization, which they would more than likely support the Senate's reauthorization. The Senate was looking at a two year reauthorization. And basically this current situation is a "buy time" for a plan that would support the program. There was a committee meeting May 8 (Transportation Infrastructure Committee) and Ms. Caler provided a handout summarizing broad statements made by that committee. She also stated that no decisions were reached during that committee meeting. Ms. Caler then provided an informational handout about the subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (See attached informational sheets.)

Mayor Wilkie asked if any officers had anything to report on. He then moved on to ALDoT reports on the road projects. Mr. Hopson provided a report of completed and underway projects giving a description of the project and its current status (see attached Project Update Sheet).

Mayor Wilkie then stated it was time for the County projects review and that there were 2 County Engineers present. Mr. Corey Chambers of Cherokee County gave a report on Cherokee County roads, followed by Mr. Robert Nail of Etowah County with an update on Etowah County Road statuses.

Other New Business consisted of a discussion of ATRIP program and status.

The next item on the agenda was “Special Presentation” which consisted of information from the 2012 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference which Ms. Myers and Ms. Caler attended. The Conference was held in Burlington, Vermont and a summary sheet is attached.

The next item on the Agenda was Open Discussion and Announcements:

Mayor Mackie posed the question about people parking on State Right-of-Way adjacent to a resident’s property and if the local police had jurisdiction to police the area of parked cars. It was unclear who has jurisdiction over this – local or State officers. The problem will be researched and an answer presented at the next meeting.

The discussion topic moved on to the next meeting date and place. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.