

**EAST ALABAMA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE & TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE for the SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
April 29, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.  
ALDOT Division 4 Office – Alexander City**

Policy Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Barbara Young, City of Alexander City  
Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, ALDOT 4<sup>th</sup> Division

Technical Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jerry Thrower, City of Lanett  
Mr. William D. McDaniel, ALDOT 4<sup>th</sup> Division

Other Attendees:

Mr. John C. Trimble, ALDOT 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Ms. Dawn Landholm, EARPDC  
Ms. Stacey Browning, EARPDC

Mayor Young called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. She then asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. After determining that there were no changes necessary, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. William McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Dawn Landholm seconded. The minutes were approved.

Mayor Young then asked if there was any other old business. After determining that there was none, she moved on to “New Business.” Ms. Stacey Browning gave a staff report on the Highway Trust Fund. She provided a handout that discussed the HIRE Act, which extended surface transportation authorization through the end of the year. The bill also provides \$19.5 billion for the Highway Trust Fund. She also mentioned that the Act restores the money that had been rescinded from the state departments of transportation. Ms. Browning said that now that a longer-term extension had been passed, the Senate would begin working on a six year transportation authorization. Ms. Browning then mentioned that the handout included lists of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) projects throughout the region. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Young moved on to an update of road projects from ALDOT. Mr. DeJarvis Leonard began by saying that the bridge replacement over Oseligee Creek is under construction and work is beginning on the approaches. He also mentioned that the

design for the Cusseta Industrial Park project is underway. There are six other bridge replacements in Chambers County that will be dependent on funding sources.

In Coosa County, the resurfacing of CR 41 from Stewartville to the Talladega County line will begin on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Leonard then mentioned that the K Street sidewalks project in Alexander City would be commencing very soon, as the bids were received last week. Mayor Barbara Young said that the roundabout project has mostly died, and was filed away somewhere. Mr. Leonard said that Mr. McDaniel could inform everyone about State and US routes.

Mr. McDaniel mentioned that the US 280 resurfacing project from CR 49 to Tallapoosa County line is scheduled to be let tomorrow, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Construction will begin soon. He then mentioned that the US 280 project from AL 63 to the Tallapoosa River is complete. Mr. Leonard said that the AL 22 bridge replacement over Hillabee Creek was scheduled to let in May now because there had been a discrepancy in the plan. The AL 63 resurfacing from Hillabee Street to the Clay County line is still under construction; it was due for a Spring 2010 completion.

Mr. Leonard explained that the funds that had been reinstated (mentioned earlier by Ms. Browning) funds ALDOT through the end of the calendar year. This funding goes to projects already on board. Smaller MPOs got most of their funding returned. There is money for the Hillabee project and for the 280 resurfacing project as well. There has been discussion in the State legislature of taking \$100 million out of the Alabama Trust Fund for roads and bridges projects, but this must be voted on by the public in November. It is also unclear how this money will be split up.

Mayor Young asked if there were any other new business. Ms. Landholm mentioned that she and Ms. Browning would be attending a meeting of the RPOs across Alabama in June. They will report back on what was discussed.

Ms. Browning announced the next meeting date as July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The meeting was then adjourned.