

**EAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 11, 2023
MINUTES**

The East Tennessee Development District's Executive Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Bearden Banquet Hall in Knoxville, TN. The following Executive Committee members were present:

Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor
Ron Williams, Mayor of Farragut
Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor
Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor
Rob Mathis, Cocke County Mayor
Mike Byrd, Grainger County Mayor
Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor
Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor
Mitch Ingram, Monroe County Mayor
Wade Creswell, Roane County Executive
Jerried Jeffers, Scott County Mayor
Neal Pucciarelli, Mayor of Cumberland Gap
Roland "Trey" Dykes, Mayor of Newport
Terrence Carter, Member at Large

Guests

Alan Woods, ETDD
Tim Hendrick, ETDD
Gary Holiway, ETHRA
Tammy Merritt, Congressman Fleischmann's Office
Joe Bailey, Senator Hagerty's Office
Nick Castle, Senator Hagerty's Office
Rebecca Foster, Congressman John Rose's Office
Cindy Boshears, Congressman Fleischmann's Office
Mike Arms, ATVG
Christina Perez, TDEC
Ryan Schulze, TDEC
David Sutton, TDEC
Geoff Trabalka, Anderson County Solid Waste
Ed McBee, Grainger County Solid Waste
Tony Brashears, Roane County
Melinda Ferrell, Roane County
Tom Leonard, Sevier County Solid Waste

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Brooks called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Chairman Joe Brooks presented the minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting to the Executive Committee for approval. Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, it was seconded by Cocke County Mayor Rob Mathis and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending January 31, 2023, and February 28, 2023, was presented by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Cocke County Mayor Rob Mathis made the motion to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by Newport Mayor Trey Dykes, and it was approved by all.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Joe Brooks asked Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank to present the report on the Nominating Committee. Mayor Frank thanked the following members for their service:

Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor and Chair
Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor
Rob Mathis, Cocke County Mayor
Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor
Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

Committee Chairman Terry Frank reported that the Nominating Committee met in person prior to this Executive Committee meeting and the committee proposed the following nominations for the ETDD/ETHRA officers for 2023-2024:

For Chair:	Mr. Ron Williams, Mayor of Farragut
For Vice-Chair:	Mr. Brian Langley, Morgan County Executive
For Secretary:	Mr. Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor
For Treasurer:	Mr. Rob Mathis, Cocke County Mayor

Committee Chairman Terry Frank made the motion for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors that these candidates will serve as the new officers for the 2023-2024 program year. It was seconded by Roane County Executive Wade Creswell and approved by all.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rick Yakubic, ETDD Executive Director, gave his director's report and announcements:

Mr. Yakubic reported to the committee that information for our meeting was sent a week prior to today's meeting by email. Packets will only consist of your name tent and mileage reimbursement sheet. This was requested at our Annual Mayors Retreat. We do have some copies here for your convenience. Mr. Yakubic asked if anyone had any questions about his report and there were none.

Mr. Yakubic reported to the committee about better communication between the Mayors and ETDD where we have established a relationship manager for each of the counties. We have sent out our first monthly update on all the projects that are going on with the East Tennessee Development District in each county. This should develop a stronger relationship and hopefully help us to help you.

Our Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon will be held next month on May 9th at Rothchilds.

In September, we will hold our regular Executive Committee meeting on the regular date. The Awards Banquet will be held at night and we will just have a celebration of awards for projects that we have accomplished with our communities in the ETDD region.

Mr. Yakubic reported that we lost one of our ETDD family members last week, David Williams. He will be greatly missed. David touched a lot of our lives and we hope to fill in the gap while we work through this time.

Solid Waste

Mr. Yakubic announced that with this new format, we hope to address issues within our region. We have talked about Solid Waste, tires, glass recycling, and other projects and issues. We have some of our Solid Waste Directors here today, long time mayors, and TDEC to talk about things we can do regionally to be more proactive in Solid Waste. We have the middle Tennessee Waste going somewhere not sure if it is coming our way and want to be prepared. Mr. Yakubic introduced Tim Hendrick, our Solid Waste Director to come and discuss.

Mr. Hendrick introduced our TDEC guests today and thanked them for taking the time to be here. This conversation started at our Mayors Retreat back in January. At the request of the mayors, we planned to have this discussion on maybe the idea of some kind of Solid Waste facility on a particular material. Tim presented a handout looking at the state of solid waste in our 16-county region and has also put together some pages from the last Needs Assessment that was done in 2020. Data came from 2018 as that was the last data reported. The report consists of total disposal amounts and rate tonnage with historic data. Other pages included Projected Waste Disposal Tonnage 2019-2028 with various charts for different groups of counties. Also included is a list of disposal Facilities with the ETDD region with their current and maximum capacities and the age and projected life of the facility. The last page consists of the tire tonnage in the ETDD region

between 2018-2022. We here of this problem in several discussions in meetings we have had. All this is put together in hopes of sparking some discussion on what issues you are having in your communities and what material is a problem in your counties and communities.

Glass, cardboard, tires being the biggest issue was mentioned. Lack of competition. One item mentioned is the disposal of mattresses and box springs. It was also mentioned that what Sevier County process would be nice to replicate that on a regional or multi-county way. Sevier County Solid Waste Director Tom Leonard spoke a little bit about his facility. Mr. Hendrick mentioned of the possibility to look at the idea of a digester facility.

Mr. Hendrick mentioned that he has quarterly Solid Waste Directors meetings at the ETDD office and the next one will be held sometime in late May, early June. Encourage your Solid Waste Directors to attend and can continue this conversation on how we can move forward with this.

TDEC along with Mr. Hendrick both announced that we will be redoing the next District Wide Needs Assessment in the next fiscal year. It's something that is done every 5 years.

Adjournment

With no other business, the Executive Committee was adjourned.