

**ETDD South Rural Planning Organization  
Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes  
TDOT Region 1 Headquarters Auditorium  
November 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Knoxville, TN**

**MINUTES**

**Voting Members Present**

Executive Board: County Executive Wade Creswell, Mayor Mike Werner (by proxy Larry Henderson), Mayor Mark Potts, Mayor Ed Mitchell (by proxy Don Walker), Mayor Larry Waters, Mayor Jeff Harris (by proxy Jack Qualls), Mayor Mitch Ingram, State Representative Lowell Russell, Mayor Don Prater (by proxy Joe Barrett), Mayor Roland “Trey” Dykes, State Senator Randy McNally (by proxy David Bradshaw), Mayor Doyle Lowe, Mayor Robert Mathis

Technical Committee: Mike Patterson (by proxy Brent Gagley), Dennis Ferguson (by proxy Brian Matthews), Becky Ruppe, Lucas Graham, Ellen Zavisca, Dustin Smith, Stacey Whaley, Rick Yakubic, Jack Qualls, Jonas Smelcer, Rene’e Crowe, Jon Campbell, Stacy Chambers, Billy Pickel, Marty Mills

**TDOT and Agencies Support Present**

Troy Ebbert (TDOT), Don Brown (ETDD), Stacy Morrison (TDOT), Christie Burt (ETDD), Randy Busler (TDOT), Laura Smith (ETDD), Dexter Justis (TDOT), Christie Brown (TDOT), Mike Conger (Knox TPO), Rich DesGroseilliers, Kristin Qualls (TDOT), Rachel Bentley (TDOT), Bryan Bartnik (TDOT), Todd Sexton (TDOT), Ronda Sawyer (TDOT), Michelle Christian (TDOT), David Williams (ETDD)

**Others Present**

Marc Holcomb, Tammy Watts, Heather Hunt, Jeff Mize

**Welcome / Call to Order**

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m. Technical Committee Chair, Rick Yakubic called the joint meeting of the Executive Board and Technical Committee to order.

**Determination of Quorum / Roll Call**

Quorums were present for both the Technical Committee and Executive Board. The roll call was waived.

**Election of New Executive Board Chairperson**

Jack Qualls nominated Mayor Mark Potts as chair which was seconded by Mayor Doyle Lowe and unanimously approved.

### **Election of New Executive Board Vice Chairperson**

David Bradshaw nominated Mayor Trey Dykes as vice chairperson which was seconded by Mayor Rob Mathis and approved unanimously.

### **Approval of June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Yakubic asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Dykes to approve the minutes and seconded by Dustin Smith. Members of the Technical Committee approved the minutes.

### **Approval of June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Executive Board Chairman Mark Potts asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting. A motion was made by David Bradshaw to approve the minutes and seconded by Jack Qualls. Members of the Executive Board approved the minutes.

### **Discussion of the Project Ranking Procedure**

Don Brown discussed the process to be used in prioritizing the projects and the two options available for the prioritizations process. Mr. Brown also discussed the criteria ranking of the information on the "SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022" as contained in the meeting folder.

### **TDOT Presentation of the List of Projects to be Ranked**

Dexter Justis, Director of TDOT's Region 1 Project Development, discussed each of the projects on the "SRPO Project Ranking List December 2, 2021". Just prior to the presentation by Mr. Justis, Randy Busler commented on working in a railroad right-of-way and the process for obtaining a letter from the mayor of the local jurisdiction regarding any zoning applicable. Mr. Justis then discussed each project description, project status, within the three-year plan, and a proposed or committed project. Projects are not ranked by phase anymore, but by project.

### **Technical Committee Vote on Project Ranking**

A motion was made by Lucas Graham and seconded by Jack Qualls to adopt the project ranking shown on the column "Potential November 15, 2022, Ranking Based on Previous Rankings" on the presented "SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022". The motion passed.

### **Executive Board Vote on Project Ranking**

A motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Wade Creswell to adopt the same project ranking adopted by the Technical Committee. The motion passed. The attached "SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022" shows the adopted project rankings.

### **Presentation of “New Start” Projects**

Don Brown explained the new start project on State Route 72 from US 411/SR 33 to Rarity Bay Parkway in Monroe County.

### **Technical Committee Vote & Endorsement of New Starts**

Jack Qualls moved to approve the “New Start” project which was seconded by Lucas Graham and approved unanimously.

### **Executive Board Vote & Endorsement of New Starts**

Lowell Russell moved to approve the new start project as approved by the Technical Committee which was seconded by Doyle Lowe and approved unanimously.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Don Brown provided the RPO Coordinators report including and noted addition of introduced Laura Smith as new staff member at ETDD.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

