

**EAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021
MINUTES**

The East Tennessee Development District's Executive Committee held a meeting on Tuesday October 12, 2021, at the ETHRA offices in Knoxville, TN. The following Executive Committee members were present:

Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor
Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor
Jeff Tibbals, Scott County Mayor
Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor
E.L. Morton, Campbell County Mayor
Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County Mayor
Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor
Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor
Ron Woody, Roane County Executive
Jason Bailey, Union County Mayor
Roland "Trey" Dykes, Member at Large
Claudia Caballero, Member at Large

Guests

Alan Woods, ETDD
Pam Mays, Roane Alliance
Jane Jolley, Knox County Development Representative
Ron Williams, Mayor of Farragut
Gary Holiway, ETHRA
Riley Lovingood, Senator Hagerty's Office
Nick Castle, Senator Hagerty's Office
Michael Sullivan, Senator Hagerty's Office
Sarah Fansler, Congressman Burchett's Office
Tammy Merritt, Congressman Fleischmann's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark Potts called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Potts presented the minutes of the September 9, 2021, 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 Claiborne County Mayor Joe Brooks, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2021, was presented by ETDD Executive Director Rick Yakubic. Scott County Mayor Jeff Tibbals made the motion to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by Member at Large Roland "Trey" Dykes, and it was approved by all.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Grants and Projects Update

Grants Overview

Mr. Yakubic reported that we received approval on three ARC applications that were previously submitted.

1. City of Loudon Marina
2. City of Jellico Hospital
3. Cocke County Waterline Extension

New ARC applications will be due on December 3, 2021.

We are still waiting to hear from the State for approvals on CDBG applications that were submitted earlier in the year. We are hoping that most or all will be approved since there is money to fund these projects. New CDBG applications will be due April 1, 2022.

THC

The Historic Preservation Grant opens December 1, 2021, and close January 31, 2022. Advertising to Historic Zoning Commissions. Please contact Jonathan Moseley if you have any questions.

The 2021 Survey Grants for Newport have been completed. 50 surveys in total for the year have been completed

THDA

Housing Technical Assistance grant for this year has been approved for 2021-2022.

ERP is allocating funds for this second term.

RPO Update

TDOT has announced the next round of Community Planning grants. These grants are to prepare planning studies for the transportation needs. Maximum grant is \$125,000.00. Ten percent local match. Eligible activities are community mobility plans, corridor studies, and bike and pedestrian plans. These are due on December 30, 2021. Please contact Don Brown if interested or have any questions.

North and South RPO meetings are scheduled for December 2, 2021 at the TDOT Region 1 Office. Primary agenda is the prioritization of major transportation projects.

Mr. Don Brown is currently working on 3 county wide Land Use and Transportation Plans:

1. Grainger County
2. Scott County
3. Campbell County

The 5 Rural Planning Initiative, RuPI studies are near completion for the following:

1. Newport – Bike / Pedestrian Master Plan. Plan is complete. Future efforts will focus on implementation of recommended projects.
2. Parrottsville – Bike / Pedestrian Master Plan. Plan is complete. Future efforts will focus on implementation of recommended projects.
3. Monroe County – SR 72 Corridor Study. Plan is complete. Future efforts will focus on obtaining Preliminary Engineering funding for the recommended improvements.

4. Oneida – SR 29 Corridor Study. Plan is almost complete pending TDOT comments on proposed improvements. Future efforts will focus on obtaining Preliminary Engineering funding for the recommended improvements.
5. New Tazewell – SR 33 Corridor Study. Plan is almost complete pending TDOT comments on proposed improvements. Future efforts will focus on obtaining Preliminary Engineering funding for the recommended improvements.

Build Back Better Challenge Grant

Mr. Yakubic reported that we will be submitting this grant by the 19th but will need to turn in on the 15th as Grants.gov will be down for maintenance from the 16th-18th.

We are still collecting letters of support from Mayors and County Executives. If you wish to turn in a letter, please do so by tomorrow. These letters will make a big difference and hope you consider doing so if you have not already turned one in. Thank you to all of those who have sent a letter in.

It has been a great process gathering the information talking with the community about this opportunity. Regardless of the outcome, getting Phase 1 and Phase 11 of this grant will be phenomenal for our region. The partnerships that are forming as a result of this grant is invaluable.

A motion is needed to approve the application for the Build Back Better planning grant in conjunction with the help from Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Roane County Executive Ron Woody made the motion to accept the application of the Build Back Better planning grant with the assistance from ORNL, and it was seconded by Claiborne County Mayor Joe Brooks and approved by all.

Calendar

The next Executive Committee meeting for November 9th will be cancelled. Our next scheduled meeting will be December 14th back at the ETHRA office.

Other Business

ETDD Bylaws

Chairman Mark Potts reported that ETDD has received back 65 ballots, with 64 ballots of a “yes” to approve the proposed changes and one ballot of a “no”. Therefore, it looks like we have

collected the required number of ballots to adopt the bylaws with 2/3 of the vote which is 62 out of 92 Board members. Before a motion is made, a decision needs to be made that we keep in place the city mayors that were voted in on the ETHRA board plus the members at large that have already been appointed.

Claiborne County Mayor Joe Brooks made the motion to adopt the bylaws and to keep the same city mayors that were voted in on ETHRA's governing board plus the 2 members at large that were previously appointed. The motion was seconded by Roane County Executive Ron Woody and approved by all.

A letter will be sent out to notify the members that will no longer be on the committee and a letter to the full Board regarding these changes.

Adjournment

With no other business, the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott County Mayor Jeff Tibbals made the motion, it was seconded by Claiborne County Mayor Joe Brooks, and approved by all.