

Rural Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes: February 23rd, 2016

Committee – Voting Members

Lucas Lyons, *JAUNT*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Bart Svoboda, *Greene County*
Jason Stewart, *Fluvanna County*
David Cook, *VDOT Lynchburg District*
Tim Padalino, *Nelson County*

TJPDC Staff

Will Cockrell
Wood Hudson
Nick Morrison

Call to Order:

Mr. Svoboda called the meeting to order.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Svoboda asked if there were any comments on the January 19th meeting minutes. There were no comments. Mr. Svoboda made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Stewart provided a second. The Committee approved the minutes.

RLRP Economic Development & Environmental Quality Needs Assessment Presentation:

Staff provided the committee with a brief presentation on economic development and environmental quality needs assessment of the region. The beginning of the presentation provided a follow-up to the January discussion on accessibility. Demographic maps with transit route overlays were shown as part of this review, incorporating feedback from the January work session meeting.

Mr. Lyons asked what would happen if the localities did not agree with the projects that had been identified and prioritized. Mr. Cockrell answered that showing localities the methodologies associated with prioritization would be useful, but ultimately, it was their decision as to what projects should receive prioritization.

Mr. Svoboda asked when the RLRP process would be complete. Mr. Cockrell responded that it would be completed by 2017. Mr. Cockrell also added that the group should begin thinking about HB2 early, and that holding a joint meeting between Rural Tech and MPO Tech would be beneficial.

UPWP Update:

Mr. Cockrell provided the committee with an overview of the Rural Work Program. The structure would remain consistent with the MPO program.

After the update, Mr. Proctor stated that holding a public hearing in the spring regarding the HB2 process might want to be included in the work program.

Mr. Lyons added that it would be beneficial to run a citizen's academy to present information regarding the rural work program to the public.

Mr. Cockrell then asked the committee for a motion on whether to endorse or not endorse the work program. Mr. Padalino made a motion to endorse the work program as proposed. Mr. Stewart provided a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Update:

Staff gave a brief update on the MPO. Mr. Cockrell stated that a joint MPO committee meeting focused on reviewing the results from the MPO strategic plan survey was being held on Feb 24th.

Updates and Discussion:

Mr. Stewart provided an update on Fluvanna County. He added that the planning commission meeting was being canceled this month.

Mr. Cook said that there were three to four studies going on in Lynchburg.

Mr. Padalino provided an update on Nelson County. He said that the County had received a number of applications for cell phone towers, they were also reviewing site plans, and that the County and the TJPDC will be working together on a Rockfish Valley Area plan.

Mr. Lyons said that the JAUNT 29 express route had not yet launched due to some issues with the pick-up location on the west side.

Mr. Svoboda said that Greene County was still working on its comprehensive plan, and that the town was working on the second phase of a streetscape grant.

Mr. Proctor added that VDOT would be attending a workshop with the CTB on HB2, that they would also be attending the upcoming joint MPO meeting, and that they would be meeting with Albemarle county about streetscaping in Crozet.

Action Items & Other Business:

There were no action items or other business

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public. Mr. Svoboda motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 2:30