



**SANDHILLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 FORMATION MEETING
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2023
 ASSEMBLY HALL
 395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
 PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
 10:00 AM**

<p>Village of Pinehurst: Voting Member: John Strickland Voting Alternate: Patrick Pizzella Manager: Jeff Sanborn</p> <p>Town of Southern Pines: Voting Member: Taylor Clement Voting Alternate: Ann Petersen Manager: Reagan Parsons*</p> <p>Town of Aberdeen: Voting Member: Robert Farrell Voting Alternate: Wilma Laney Manager: Paul Sabiston</p> <p>Village of Foxfire: Voting Member: Don Boito Voting Alternate: Don Nelson* Clerk: Lisa Kivett</p> <p>Village of Whispering Pines: Voting Member: Glenn Bernhard Voting Alternate: Pamela Harris Manager: Rich Lamdin*</p>	<p>Town of Taylortown: Voting Member: James Thompson Voting Alternate: Gary Brown Clerk: Rita Maness</p> <p>Town of Pinebluff: Voting Member: Ronald McDonald Voting Alternate: Robbie Conley* Administrator: Melissa Adams</p> <p>Moore County Voting Member: Frank Quis Voting Alternate: Jim Von Canon Manager: Wayne Vest</p> <p>FHWA George Hoops Bill Marley</p> <p>NCDOT Division 8 Board Member: Lisa Mathis* Board Member At-Large: Pat Molamphy* Scott Walston Alena Cook*</p>
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* = **Absent**

Approximately 10 audience members in attendance.

Invocation by Mr. Wayne Vest, Moore County Manager, and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village of Pinehurst Manager.

I. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Organization continued the discussion of a weighted vote being added to the voting rules.

The Organization debated redrawing the MPO boundary lines to include the Moore County seat of the Town of Carthage or the entirety of Moore County.

Mr. Frank Quis, Moore County Voting Member, moved to redraw the MPO boundary lines to include the entirety of Moore County. No second was given. Motion failed.

Mr. Robert Farrell, Town of Aberdeen Voting Member, moved to approve including Voting Rule Option 1 (Weighted Vote) in the MOU. Seconded by Mr. John Strickland, Village of Pinehurst Voting Member. Roll call vote:

Village of Pinehurst – Aye
Town of Southern Pines – Aye
Town of Aberdeen – Aye
Village of Whispering Pines – Nay
Town of Pinebluff – Nay
Village of Foxfire – Nay
Town of Taylortown – Nay
Moore County – Nay

The Organization discussed a tie vote automatically going to the “Aye” votes.

The Organization clarified the boundaries of the MPO as drawn comply with the requirements of the State and verified other municipalities would be able to be voted into the Organization in the future.

The Organization discussed its role in transportation project approval by NCDOT and FHWA.

The Organization clarified the agreed upon draft MOU would need to go before each Member’s Council / Board for approval, and a Resolution must be voted on and approved by each Member’s Council / Board.

Mr. Willardson stated a clean copy of the draft MOU and Resolution would be sent out to each Member to use to present to their Councils / Boards along with an estimated budget for each Member’s annual dues / fees.

II. Draft Governing Board Agenda

The Organization reviewed a draft agenda template for the first governing board meeting.

III. Next Meeting

October 19th, 2023 at 02:00 PM.

The need to consider the fact that TARPO (Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization) would not renew the membership of each of the SMPO member municipalities was discussed and the importance of determining how points for projects would be allocated was reiterated.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk
Village of Pinehurst

The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.
Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.
Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.