



**SANDHILLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SMPO)  
FORMATION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
ASSEMBLY HALL  
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD  
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA  
02:00 PM**

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

Mr. John Strickland, Voting Member for the Village of Pinehurst, called the meeting to order at 02:02 PM.

**I. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village of Pinehurst Manager, provided an update on approval of the MOU by member jurisdictions (all but two of the member jurisdiction governing boards held meetings and approved adoption of the MOU).

The structure of the formation committee board was discussed. It was determined a Chair and a Vice Chair should be elected, and the Village of Pinehurst would be responsible for noticing SMPO meetings.

The Organization debated sending the submittal to the Secretary of Transportation before the final two member jurisdictions hold meetings.

The Organization discussed who would oversee transportation planning for the member jurisdictions should the SMPO not be officially formed before the deadline (portions would default to Fayetteville's MPO and portions would default to NCDOT), the need for at least 75% of the member jurisdictions to approve adoption of the MOU for approval from the Secretary of Transportation to be given but it being preferable to reach 100% of the member jurisdictions, and whether a Chair and a Vice Chair should be elected prior to the upcoming municipal elections.

Ms. Taylor Clement, Voting Member for the Town of Southern Pines, moved the MOU be submitted as is to the Secretary of Transportation on Friday, November 03, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Don Boito, Voting Member for the Village of Foxfire. Passed by a vote of 7-1 with Mr. Frank Quis, Voting Member for Moore County, dissenting.

The Organization discussed electing a temporary Chair and a temporary Vice Chair to lead meetings until the first official governing board meeting of the SMPO is held.

Mr. Frank Quis, Voting Member for Moore County, moved that Mr. Don Boito, Voting Member for the Village of Foxfire, be elected temporary Chairperson. Seconded by Mr. Glenn Bernhard, Voting Member for the Village of Whispering Pines. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Glenn Bernhard, Voting Member for the Village of Whispering Pines, moved that Mr. John Strickland, Voting Member for the Village of Pinehurst, be elected temporary Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Ms. Wilma Laney, Voting Member for the Town of Aberdeen. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

## **II. Draft Governing Board Agenda**

The Organization reviewed a draft agenda for the next meeting and the timeline for presenting a draft Lead Planning Organization (LPO) agreement to the governing boards of each member jurisdiction.

## **III. Next Meeting**

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Ms. Taylor Clement, Voting Member for the Town of Southern Pines, moved to adjourn the meeting at 03:15 PM. Seconded by Mr. Glenn Bernhard, Voting Member for the Village of Whispering Pines. Passed by a vote of 8-0.

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.