



Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
10:00 a.m.

<p>Village of Pinehurst: Voting Member: Patrick Pizzella</p> <p>Town of Southern Pines: Voting Member: Taylor Clement, Chair</p> <p>Town of Aberdeen: Voting Member: Robert Farrell</p> <p>Village of Foxfire: Voting Member: Janice Gregorich</p> <p>Village of Whispering Pines: Voting Member: Pamela Harris</p>	<p>Town of Taylortown: Voting Member: Sidney Gaddy *</p> <p>Town of Pinebluff: Voting Member: Ronald McDonald, Vice Chair</p> <p>Moore County Voting Member: Frank Quis</p> <p>NCDOT Board Member At-Large: Pat Molamphy</p>
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* = Absent

Approximately 10 audience members in attendance.

I. Welcome.

Chair Clement welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Public Comments.

None.

III. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda.

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Board Member Harris, the Governing Board unanimously approved the March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 8-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

a. Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes

- February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes as listed by a vote of 8-0.

V. Discussion on Foxfire Option to Withdraw.

Board Member Quis and Mr. Scott Walston, NCDOT, reviewed the options available to the SMPO for the withdrawal of the Village of Foxfire and how the withdrawal will impact the SMPO's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Walston advised that the Governing Board of the Village of Foxfire will need to present the SMPO with a resolution approving the Village of Foxfire's withdrawal from the SMPO.

Upon a motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Molamphy, the Governing Board unanimously agreed to accept the withdrawal of the Village of Foxfire, to accept an approved resolution of withdrawal from the Village of Foxfire's Governing Board, and to present an updated MOU to their respective jurisdiction's Governing Board for approval by a vote of 8-0.

VI. Update on SMPO Director Recruitment.

Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated the application submittal period was extended by two weeks (now ending on March 31, 2024) and seven applications have been received to date.

VII. Review and Approve Draft FY24 and FY25 Operating Budgets and UPWPs.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a draft of the FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Chair Clement directed Mr. Willardson to post the FY25 UPWP for the required 14-day Public Involvement period.

Mr. Willardson stated the FY24 and FY25 Operating Budgets and UPWPs will be presented for Board approval at the April 2024 meeting.

VIII. Review and Approve Draft Public Involvement Plan.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a draft of the Public Involvement Plan.

Chair Clement directed Mr. Willardson to post the Public Involvement Plan for the required 14-day Public Involvement period.

Mr. Willardson stated the Public Involvement Plan will be presented for Board approval at the April 2024 meeting.

IX. Amend Article 4, A of the Bylaws to Account for Wednesday Meetings.

It was determined a vote on the amendment of Article 4, A of the Bylaws was not necessary due to the language specifying the day of the week meetings will be held having been previously removed from the Bylaws.

X. Division 8 Report and TPD.

Mr. Dagoberto JuarezPozos, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed the SMPO Division 8 Project List.

The Board asked that plans or renderings of projects be shared with the Board and, when possible, posted on the SMPO website.

XI. Other Business.

Board Member Molamphy verified with Mr. Walston that the dues to be paid by the Village of Foxfire will be stricken from the MOU and budget as a result of the withdrawal of the Village of Foxfire from the SMPO.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Board Member Molamphy, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 8-0 at 10:41 a.m.

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.