



Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 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

Town of Aberdeen Voting Alternate, Ms. Teresa Beavers, attended in place of Voting Member, Mr. Robert Farrell.

Approximately 25 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 Molamphy, the Governing Board unanimously approved with revisions the April 17, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 9-0. Revision: Move Item #6 (Discussion on Status of Foxfire Membership) to the position of Item #5 (Adopt Public Participation Plan).

IV. Approval of Minutes.

a. Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes

- March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Molamphy, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes as listed by a vote of 9-0.

V. Discussion on Status of Foxfire Membership.

The Board discussed the Village of Foxfire being removed from the SMPO as a Member Jurisdiction and the Village of Foxfire now being represented by Moore County.

No representatives from the Village of Foxfire were present.

VI. Adopt Public Participation Plan.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed an updated Public Participation Plan highlighting changes made to the document since the last SMPO meeting of March 20, 2024.

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Board Member Molamphy, the Governing Board unanimously approved with revisions the Public Participation Plan by a vote of 9-0. Revisions: Section 3.1 – Remove names of individual municipalities and replace with blanket term “Member Jurisdictions” along with NCDOT, Section 4.9 – Clarify the language and correct a typographical error and remove references to the Village of Foxfire.

VII. Review Draft MOU Amendments.

The Board discussed the process for adoption of the MOU by each Member Jurisdiction’s Governing Board and the fee structure for each Member Jurisdiction.

Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as amended to reflect the Village of Foxfire being represented by Moore County and to present the final draft MOU to each Member Jurisdiction’s Governing Board for adoption by a vote of 9-0.

VIII. Update on SMPO Director Recruitment.

Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, updated the Board on the recruitment process for the SMPO director and stated there are two interviews scheduled with candidates next week.

Chair Clement asked Mr. Sanborn for an update on the recruitment that may be presented to each Member Jurisdiction’s Governing Boards and whether the Village of Pinehurst will continue advertising for the position. Mr. Sanborn stated an update will be provided for presentation and the position will continue to be advertised.

IX. Review Draft FY24 UPWP.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed the draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) highlighting the Budget section of the document.

The Board and Mr. Scott Walston, NCDOT, discussed how funding for the SMPO is allocated.

Mr. Willardson stated the FY 2024 UPWP would need to be advertised for the required 14-day Public Participation period once the Board agrees upon a draft.

Board Member Harris proposed revisions to pages 4 and 5 of the document to reflect changes in membership and to correct spelling errors. Mr. Willardson stated the proposed revisions would be made prior to posting the document for the Public Participation period.

The Board agreed to post the draft FY 2024 UPWP with the proposed revisions.

X. Methodology for Prioritizing Future Projects.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, introduced Mr. Matt Day, Central Pines Regional Council's Transportation Director, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the methodology for how future projects are prioritized.

The Board asked Mr. Willardson to distribute the timeline and important methodology documents to Member Jurisdictions so they may prepare for the upcoming review of projects.

Upon a motion by Board Member Quis, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved adopting the same methodology used by the Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) for prioritization of future projects by a vote of 9-0.

XI. Division 8 Report

Mr. Bryan Klobuchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed an updated P7 Schedule for Division 8 projects and discussed how the Board may use the schedule to determine the timeline for each project.

The Board and Mr. Klobuchar discussed how information about the impact of the US Open on projects will be disseminated to the Public.

XII. Amend Meeting Schedule to Adjust for Venue Change of May 15th Meeting

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, provided background on the reason for a change in venue.

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Board Member McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the 2024 SMPO Meeting Schedule as amended to reflect the venue change to the Cannon Park Community Center – Multipurpose Room for the May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting by a vote of 9-0.

XIII. Other Business.

None.

XIV. Next Meeting Date

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cannon Park Community Center – Multipurpose Room.

XV. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Board Member Beavers, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 9-0 at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk
Village of Pinehurst

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Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.
Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.