



**Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)**  
**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2024**  
**Assembly Hall**  
**395 Magnolia Road**  
**Pinehurst, North Carolina**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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

Mr. Richard Hutchinson, Voting Alternate and Councilmember for the Village of Whispering Pines, was in attendance.

Approximately 25 audience members in attendance, including 1 press.

**I. Call to Order.**

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

**II. Ethics Reminder.**

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, read the Ethics statement.

**III. Public Comments.**

None.

**IV. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda.**

Upon a motion by Board Member Pizzella, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the June 19, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 7-0.

**V. Approval of Minutes.**

**a. Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes**

- May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Vice Chair McDonald, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes as listed by a vote of 7-0.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Report from TCC Chair.**

Mr. Paul Sabiston, TCC Chair and Town Manager for the Town of Aberdeen, provided an update on the June 05, 2024, TCC Regular Meeting, and reviewed the TCC recommendations for the Prioritization 7.0 project point allocations and the MTP / CTP process as discussed at the TCC meeting.

The Governing Board discussed Moore County's CTP and the information / data that will be needed to update the CTP as well as develop the MTP.

Ms. Karyl Fuller, Principal Planner / RPO Director for the Central Pines Regional Council, provided background information on the Prioritization 7.0 project point allocation and MTP / CTP process to the Governing Board and offered to set up presentations to assist the Governing Board.

Mr. Sabiston, also, updated the Governing Board on the SMPO Director recruitment process.

**b. Update on MOU Adoption.**

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated the MOU has been submitted to the Secretary of Transportation.

**c. Review and Approve Project Points for Prioritization 7.0.**

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated the Prioritization 7.0 project points allocation process is an exercise to gain experience with the process for future years as there is no funding for the SMPO Prioritization 7.0 projects.

The Governing Board reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the recommended project point allocations for Prioritization 7.0 and discussed how project point allocations impact projects being selected for funding.

Upon a motion by Board Member Gaddy, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved the Prioritization 7.0 project point allocations as recommended by the TCC by a vote of 7-0.

**d. Division 8 Report**

Mr. Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the Division 8 Active and Upcoming Projects and stated there will be a Public Listening Session for the Prioritization 7.0 projects tomorrow at 04:00 p.m. in the NCDOT Division 8 headquarters located in Carthage.

**VII. Other Business.**

None.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date**

The Governing Board agreed to cancel the July 17, 2024, meeting and to change the August SMPO Regular Meeting date to August 21, 2024.

The Governing Board discussed the upcoming NCDOT Open House meetings on the proposed Pinehurst Traffic Circle changes. There will be three meetings:

- July 16, 2024, 05:00 – 07:00 p.m. at Pinehurst Elementary School in Pinehurst.

- July 18, 2024, 05:00 – 07:00 p.m. at the Moore County Agricultural Center in Carthage.
- July 23, 2024, 05:00 – 07:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Aberdeen.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Board Member Farrell, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 7-0 at 10:58 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.