



Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
10:00 a.m.

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

Mr. John Taylor, Village of Pinehurst Voting Alternate; Ms. Karyl Fuller, Principal Planner / RPO Director for the Central Pines Regional Council; and Ms. Liamcy Hogan-Rivera, NCDOT Transportation Engineer II were present via Zoom.

Approximately 6 audience members in attendance, including 1 press.

- I. Call to Order.**
Chair Clement welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Ethics Reminder.**
Chair Clement verified the Board Members present had reviewed the Ethics Statement and did not have any conflicts.
- III. Public Comments.**
None.
- IV. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda.**
Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 6-0.
- V. Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes**
 - June 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Board Member Farrell, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes as listed by a vote of 6-0.
- VI. Report from the TCC**
 - a. Report from TCC Chair.**

Mr. Paul Sabiston, TCC Chair and Town Manager for the Town of Aberdeen, provided an update on the August 03, 2024, TCC Regular Meeting, highlighting the Committees discussion of the projects and timelines for the remainder of 2024, the ranking of committed projects, and the Safe Streets Grant.

VII. General Business

a. Projects and Timeline through the end of the Calendar Year

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a memo outlining a timeline for SMPO projects for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and noted important deadlines the SMPO must meet.

b. Review and Recommend Approval of the draft RFQ for MTP Consultant

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation detailing the upcoming tasks and process for the Request for Qualifications for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Consultant.

Upon a motion by Board Member Farrell, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously approved the proposed Request for Qualifications for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Consultant by a vote of 6-0.

c. Ranking of Committed Projects

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a memo containing a table of both region and division projects.

Upon a motion by Board Member Quis, seconded by Board Member Harris, the Governing Board unanimously approved the proposed ranking of committed projects by a vote of 6-0.

d. Safe Streets Grant Opportunity Discussion

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst; Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst; and Mr. Reagan Parsons, Town Manager for the Town of Southern Pines, discussed the potential need for additional funding from member municipalities to meet the required contribution amount for the Safe Streets Grant, the quickly approaching submission deadline of August 29, 2024, and the belief that applying as an MPO would make for a stronger application than applying as individual communities.

Ms. Karyl Fuller, Central Pines Regional Council, discussed the application deadline being feasible and funding match options for the member municipalities.

The Board deliberated on whether to apply for the Safe Streets Grant as an MPO for 2024.

Upon a motion by Board Member Molamphy, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously agreed to apply for the Safe Streets Grant as an MPO by August 29, 2024, and to have each Board Member discuss funding contributions with their respective municipality Governing Boards by a vote of 6-0.

VIII. Division 8 Update

a. Division 8 Update

Mr. Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed a table detailing the active and upcoming projects for Division 8 and discussed the impact and timeline of various projects with the Board.

IX. Next Meeting Date
a. September 18, 2024

The Board received an update on the SMPO Director recruitment efforts from Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, and agreed to have Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, research hiring a part-time consultant or contractor to fill the role of SMPO Director and present his finding to the Technical Coordinating Committee at the September 04, 2024.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Board Member Molamphy, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 6-0 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.