

Minutes of the Rural Technical Coordinating Committee (RTCC) Meeting
April 27, 2016
11:00 a.m.

The April 27, 2016 RTCC meeting was held at the Dare County Administration Building in Manteo, NC was opened and called to order by RTCC Chairman Rhett White at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

It was determined a quorum was present with the following TCC members in attendance: Chairman Rhett White, Town of Columbia; Dan Scanlon, Currituck County; Shelley Cox, Pasquotank County; Donna Creef, Dare County; Erin Burke, Town of Maneto; Bill Rich, County of Hyde; David Clegg, County of Tyrrell; Frank Heath, Perquimans County; Sam Barrow, Town of Edenton; Joe Heard, Town of Duck; J.D. Melton, Town of Creswell; Natalie Rountree, Gates County; Andy Garman, Town of Nags Head; Jerry Jennings, NCDOT Division 1; Gretchen Byrum, NCDOT Division 1 and Nazia Sarder- NCDOT-TPB.

Agenda Approval

Chairman White called for a motion to add discussion of HB959 and HB 963 the agenda. A motion to add discussion of HB 959 and HB 963 to the agenda was made by Frank Heath and seconded by J.D. Melton, and unanimously carried.

Approval of January 27, 2016 RTCC Minutes

Chairman White called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Bill Rich, his motion was seconded by Natalie Rountree, and unanimously carried.

ARPO Mini-grant Application

Chairman Rhett White called for a motion approving a Mini-grant in the amount of \$6051.00 to the Town of Duck to produce and distribute 35,000 copies of a brochure which will include maps of their multi-use path, sound side boardwalk, and other pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety guidelines in Town. A motion to grant a Mini-grant in the amount of \$6051.00 to the Town of Duck was made by Andy Garman, his motion was seconded by Erin Burke, and unanimously carried.

Ferry Discussion

Chairman Rhett White stated the Draft Ferry legislation, written by Representative Paul Tine was included in your packet as information for discussion. Sterling Baker from the NCDOT answered questions from RTCC members. No action was requested on this item by Staff and no action was taken by the RTCC Board.

Regional Project Scoring

Chairman Rhett White asked for an action to assign local input points to “regional” highway projects. Angela Welsh reviewed the outcome of the projects that were scored based on the SPOT scores with the Board. After discussion of the ARPO’s adopted methodology, it was decided the RTCC would apply the ARPO’s 1300 local input points to the top 13 scoring projects in the “regional” category. Although high scoring, Dare County chose not to allocate points on project H090284 due to the fact there was no local support for the project at this time. The following projects received 100 points each:

1. Pasquotank County; H150618
2. Pasquotank County; H150685
3. Pasquotank County; H150687
4. Perquimans County; H090286
5. Dare County; H090230:
6. Currituck County; H090139
7. Currituck County; H111225
8. Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank Counties; H141929
9. Perquimans County; H090285
10. Camden County; H090869
11. Currituck County; H111227
12. Tyrrell County; H129070-AA
13. Camden, Pasquotank Counties; H141931

Chairman Rhett White called for a motion to approve the allocation of the ARPO’s 1300 local input points on the above listed projects. David Clegg made a motion to approve the allocation of the ARPO’s 1300 local input points on the above listed projects, his motion was seconded by Natalie Rountree, and carried unanimously.

House Bill 959

Chairman Rhett White noted that HB 959 was introduced in the Legislatures short session He asked Jerry Jennings to review the bill with the Board. Jerry Jennings reviewed the bills with the Board and stated there would be no adverse effects to Division 1 if it was passed by the Legislature. Chairman White asked if there were any questions, with no questions, moved to the next item on the agenda.

House Bill 963

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Public Comments

Chairman White opened the floor for public comments and there being no public comments closed the floor.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Lunch and Presentations

NCDOT Update – Discussion/Presentation

Jerry Jennings provided an update regarding rehabilitation, paving and construction projects in the region. Malcolm Fearing provide an update on bridge funds provided to NCDOT Division 1.

Ferry Update

Sterling Baker and Jed Dixon from NCDOT provided an update on the ferry division, as well as an update of the dredge christening.

TPB Update

Nazia Sarder introduced Doc Rosenthal as her replacement. Doc will now be the TPB Coordinator overseeing the ARPO.

ARPO Director Report

Angela Welsh was not provided the opportunity to give her report due to time constraints.

Minutes of the Rural Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting
April 27, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The April 27, 2016 TAC held at Dare County Administration Building in Manteo, NC was opened and called to order by RTAC Chairman Lloyd Griffin, III at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

It was determined a quorum was present with the following RTAC voting members in attendance: Lloyd Griffin, Pasquotank County; Michael McLain, Camden County; Jack Shea, Dare County; Vance Aydlett, Currituck County; Benjamin Simmons, III, Hyde County; Leroy Spivey, Tyrrell County; Matt Peeler, Perquimans County; Malcolm Fearing, BOT Appointee.

RTAC Non-voting members in attendance: John Ratzenberger, Town of Nags Head; Lynne McClean, Town of Kitty Hawk.

Alternates in attendance: Wally Overman, Dare County

Agenda Approval

Chairman Griffin called for a motion to accept the agenda with the following amendments: add discussion of HB959 and HB 963. Jack Shea made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions, his motion was seconded by Benjamin Simmons, III and carried unanimously.

Approval of January 27, 2016 RTAC Minutes

Chairman Griffin called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Jack Shea, his motion was seconded by Benjamin Simmons, III, and unanimously carried.

ARPO Mini-grant

Chairman Griffin asked Angela Welsh to comment on the Town of Ducks Mini-grant application. Angela Welsh reviewed the Mini-grant application with the Board noting that the Town of Duck is seeking \$6,051.00 to match the Town's 20% contribution of \$1, 513.00 to produce and distribute 35,000 copies of a brochure which will include maps of their multi-use path, sound side boardwalk, and other pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety guidelines in the town. With no further discussion, Chairman Griffin called for a motion to approve the Mini-grant as presented by Angela Welsh. Jack Shea made a motion to approve the Mini-grant in the amount of \$6051.00, his motion was seconded by Leroy Spivey, and carried unanimously.

Ferry Discussion

Chairman Griffin called for discussion. Angela Welsh presented Representative Paul Tine's draft ferry funding legislation. Staff did not request any action be taken on this agenda item and no action was taken by the RTAC.

Regional Scoring

Chairman Griffin asked RTCC Chairman Rhett White for an update on the regional scoring. Chairman White noted that there is a lot of frustration with the process and presented a recommendation from the RTCC that the 1300 local input points allocated to the ARPO be applied to the 13 projects listed above in the RTCC meeting minutes. He went on to say there were 5 projects that scored well and could possibly be funded but enough local input points to put on 13 projects. Chairman Griffin asked if there was any further discussion of placing the ARPO's 1300 local input points on the 13 projects. With no further discussion, asked for a motion to approve allocating the ARPO's 1300 local input points on the 13 projects. Jack Shea made a motion to approve allocating the ARPOs' 1300 local input points to the 13 projects (H150618, H150685, H150687, H090286, H090230, H090139, H111225, H141929, H090285, H090869, H111227, H129070-AA, and H141931), his motion was seconded by Benjamin Simmons, III, and carried unanimously.

House Bill 959

The Chairman did not discuss this item.

House Bill 963

The Chairman did not discuss this item.

General discussion

Chairman Griffin asked for discussion regarding asking the SPOT office to assist with our planning for the project scoring process. Angela Welsh commented by asking the Board if they would like the SPOT office to come out during the January meeting since the ARPO is almost finished with the current scoring process. It was agreed to hold off on having the SPOT office provide a workshop to the Board until January. Chairman Griffin asked that the ARPO's legislative goals be sent to legislators. The ARPO's legislative goals include the need to rotate members of the SPOT Workgroup. The Board agreed that information should continue to be sent to the legislators.

Public Comments

Chairman Griffin opened the floor for public comments and there being no public comments closed the floor. Chairman Griffin thanked those in attendance for attending the RPO Meeting.

Next Meeting

Director Angela Welsh will work with Chairman Griffin to arrange for a meeting in September instead of the normally scheduled August due to project scores not being available for the August meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Chairman Griffin declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Welsh, Secretary
ARPO Director