**Minutes of the Rural Technical Coordinating Committee (RTCC) Meeting**

**November 12, 2014**

**11:00 a.m.**

**RTCC**

The November 12, 2014 RTCC meeting held at the Pocosin Arts Conference Center in Columbia, 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 RTCC members in attendance: Chairman Rhett White, Town of Columbia; Donna Creef, Dare County; Greg Loy, Town of Kill Devil Hills; Wes Haskett, Town of Southern Shores; Frank Heath, Perquimans County; Jerry Rhodes, Washington County; Kevin Howard, Chowan County; John Stockton Town of Kitty Hawk; Dan Porter, Camden County; Dan Scanlon, Currituck County; Bill Rich, Hyde County; Kermit Skinner, Town of Manteo; Andy Garman, Town of Nags Head; Shelly Cox, Pasquotank County; David Clegg, Tyrrell County; Kaitlen Alcock, City of Elizabeth City; Joe Heard, Town of Duck; J.D. Melton, Town of Creswell; Natalie Rountree, Gates County

DOT representatives present: Jerry Jennings, Gretchen Byrum, Beshad Norowzi; Ferry Division: Ed Goodwin, Jed Dixon

Guests present were: Cathy Davison, Executive Director, Albemarle Commission; Patrick Flanigan, Down East RPO

**Conflict of Interest Statement**Chairman White read a conflict of interest statement. The committee was polled and no conflict of interest was noted.

**Agenda Approval**Chairman White called for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. A motion to accept was made by Jerry Rhodes, seconded by Greg Loy, and unanimously carried.

 **Approval of August 18, 2014 RTCC Minutes**Minutes of the August 18, 2014 RTCC meeting were reviewed and Chairman White entertained a motion for adoption. Motion to adopt the minutes as presented was made by Dan Porter, seconded by David Clegg, and unanimously carried.

**Nags Head Pedestrian Plan**Chairman White called for a motion to approve the Nags Head Pedestrian Plan. Andy Garman made a motion to give final approval for the Nags Head Pedestrian Plan. His motion was seconded by Joe Heard and with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**Duck Pedestrian Plan**Chairman White called for a motion to approve the Duck Pedestrian Plan. Joe Heard made a motion to give final approval for the Duck Pedestrian Plan. His motion was seconded by Wes Haskett and with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**Strategic Transportation Corridor (STC) Map**As was noted in the June 16, 2014 TCC meeting minutes; NCDOT is currently in the process of identifying critical multi-modal transportation corridors throughout the state. The corridors will support the implementation of the STI and current project scoring. Strategic Transportation Corridors will replace Strategic Highway Corridors adopted by the NC Board of Transportation in 2004. Ms. Welsh reported that there are concerns as to why critical highway networks in North East North Carolina, which were included in the 2004 Strategic Highway Corridors, were not included in the Strategic Transportation Corridors. Highway networks not included were; US 158, the Mid-Currituck Bridge and US 168.
At the June 16, 2014 meeting RTAC members approved a resolution in support of adding US 158, the Mid-Currituck Bridge and US 168 to the Strategic Transportation Corridor map. Ms. Welsh forwarded the resolution to Kerry Morrow, Statewide Plan Engineer. The NCDOT revised the STC map to include US 158 but did not include US 168 or the Mid-Currituck Bridge.
Dan Scanlon made a motion that a letter be written and sent to NCDOT asking that US 168 (east of US 17 to the Outer Banks), US 158 (east of US 17 to the Outer Banks) and the Mid-Currituck Bridge be added to the STC map. His motion was seconded by Dan Porter and carried unanimously.
It was suggested that the units of government along the roadways that are affected by this issue respond individually as well.

**Barco Diversion Plan**Dan Scanlon spoke about the Barco Diversion Plan and the group discussed the challenges the plan presented in the event of an emergency evacuation in the region.

**Ferry Tolling**At the March 10, 2014 meeting TAC members voted to delay action regarding ferry tolling in order to give Legislators time to seek funding sources for new and replacement ferry vessels. A letter reporting that vote was drafted and sent to Legislators in NCDOT Division 1. Due to the recent election Ms.Welsh recommended sending an updated letter to newly elected, as well as all Legislators in NCDOT Division 1.
A motion was made by Jerry Rhodes to accept the recommendation of Ms. Welsh to send an updated letter to Legislators in NCDOT Division 1, seconded by J. D. Melton and unanimously carried.

**Public Comments**Angela Welsh briefly discussed the following agenda packet items:

* 2015 ARPO meeting dates
* Survey Results - SPOT 3.0 Scoring Positives/Negatives
* ARHS-ICPTA Letter of Support

Chairman White welcomed and introduced Cathy Davison, Albemarle Commission’s Executive Director.

Dan Scanlon reported that NCDOT has partnered with Currituck County to schedule a public hearing to meet with business owners and communities to discuss possible solutions to the traffic problems at the of US 158 and Highway 12 interchange. The meeting will be held at Jarvisburg Elementary School on December 15, 2014.
Mr. Scanlon also reported that officials from Currituck County met with Representative Torbett, [Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/Committees/Committees.asp?sAction=ViewCommittee&sActionDetails=Non-Standing_468). At that meeting Representative Torbett said the Leadership of the House met with Secretary Tata in regards to comments made by TCC/TAC members and others concerning SPOT 3.0. Mr. Scanlon said there is a pledge to the TCC/TAC to include evacuation in SPOT 3.0.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman White adjourned the meeting.

**Presentations**

**Division 1 Report**Gretchen Byrum reported on active projects located in Division 1.

**SPOT 4.0 Reports**Patrick Flanigan gave an update on the SPOT 4.0 work group.

**RTAC Meeting –November 12, 2014**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**The November 12, 2014 RTAC meeting held at the Albemarle Commission in Perquimans County was opened and called to order by RTAC Vice-Chairman Leroy Spivey at 1:00 p.m.

**Conflict of Interest Statement**Vice-Chairman Spivey read a conflict of interest statement. The committee was polled and no conflict of interest was noted.

**Roll Call**The following RTAC members were in attendance: Vice-Chairman Leroy Spivey, Tyrrell County; John Ratzeberger, Town of Nags Head; Jack Shea, Dare County; W.J. White, Town of Creswell; Michael McLain, Camden County; Vance Aydlett, Currituck County

It was determined a quorum was not present. Once it was determined that a quorum could not be reached, the meeting was adjourned with no business being conducted.