



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization  
**Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – February 5, 2015**

Attendees:

Jason Chappell (ph)  
Vicki Eastland  
Charles Landreth (ph)  
Brendan Merithew

Brownie Newman (ph)  
Lawrence Ponder  
Kristina Solberg  
Michael Sorrells

Ricky Tipton  
Tristan Winkler

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Michael Sorrells called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and members responded that there were none. He then reviewed the Agenda and asked if there were any modifications.

***Lawrence Ponder motioned to approve the Agenda, Jason Chappell seconded, and the Agenda was so approved.***

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Michael Sorrells asked if there were any changes to the minutes from August 20, 2014 and there were none.

***Lawrence Ponder motioned to approve the minutes, Jason Chappell seconded, and as all were in favor, the minutes from August 20, 2014 were so approved.***

Vicki Eastland pointed out the convenience to RPO members to meet after Land of Sky council meetings at 2:30pm.

***Lawrence Ponder motioned to approve the 2015 Calendar, Brownie Newman seconded, and as none opposed, the 2015 Calendar was approved.***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comment period was opened, and as there were none at this time, nor through Facebook or email, the public comment period was closed.

### **BUSINESS**

- Draft STIP
  - Vicki Eastland asked if any questions and there were none.
- Draft PIP
  - Vicki Eastland pointed out a change in language from priority needs list to Prioritization list, and that public input not to exceed 28 days to account for the month of February.

***Lawrence Ponder motioned to approve the Draft Public Involvement Policy, Jason Chappell seconded, and as none were opposed, the PIP was then approved and submitted to the Chair for signature.***

- Amendment to LOSRPO 2014-2015 Planning Work Program  
Work on the Freight Across Appalachia project has been postponed; there will be a freight survey developed and distributed but this project may be continued into 2015-16 PWP year. There has been unplanned work performed in the Data Collection and Assessment category.
  - Much of this work relates to bicycle and pedestrian counts.
    - I-1.2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Inventory and Assessment
  - Mapping and distributing bicycle and pedestrian crash data.
    - I-1.6 Crash Data and Assessment
  - Work related to public transportation.
    - I-1.7 Public Transportation Service Data and Assessment

***Lawrence Ponder motioned to approve the Amendment to the 2014-1025 PWP, Brownie Newman seconded, and as all were in favor, the amendment was approved.***

- SPOT4 Draft Timeline
  - Vicki Eastland reviewed the timeline provided in the Agenda and highlighted deadlines such as August modifications and September input of new projects
- Election of new RPO Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Michael Sorrells reviewed the duties of chairman and the need to adhere to the bylaws. Mr. Sorrells nominated Brownie Newman as Chair and, with no further nominations for chair, **Brownie Newman** accepted the designation **as Chairman for the Land of Sky RPO**. Brownie Newman then nominated Michael Sorrells as Vice-Chair and with no opposition or further nominations, **Michael Sorrells** accepted the designation as **Vice-Chair for the Land of Sky RPO**.

#### **REGULAR UPDATES**

- Rick Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Division 14 were available as a handout. Rick Tipton added that a public comment opportunity meeting is on April 16 from 4-7pm at the High Tech Center.
- Brendan Merithew discussed his meeting in Brevard regarding CTP needs.
- There were no legislative updates at this time.

Michael Sorrells asked for additional announcements and added that he appreciated serving as Chair. He then turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Brownie Newman, who formally adjourned the meeting.