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**Government Services
Project & Planning Committee Meeting via
Zoom May 23, 2024- 2:00PM**

MINUTES

Present: Dwight Stewart (Chairman), Julia Nelson, Jeffery Graham, Travis Windham, Jim McCain, Will Wheeler, Sammie Tucker, John Thomas,

Not Present: Chuck Wilson,

Guests: Jack Blackwell and Ken Martin, Alan Watkins

Staff Present: Dennis Cyphers, Jeff Parkey, Lisa Mann

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Dwight Stewart called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Stewart provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All attendees participated in the pledge.
4. **Determination of Quorum:** Dennis Cyphers determined that there was a quorum.
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jim McCain made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Jeffery Graham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Mr. McCain made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Windham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **Old Business:** N/A
8. **New Business:**

a. Black River Road (Motion)

Jeff Parkey stated that we have been informed by the DOT that the construction cost has increased by \$8,143,754.22, now totaling \$19,043,754.22. This is due to utilities, which will result in a delay in construction until FY26. Ken Martin from the DOT presented a graph illustrating the cost increase,

mentioning a water and sewer increase of \$5,600,000.00 for the city of Camden. Mr. Martin mentioned that we explored merging facilities, but it's impossible due to limited space. We request it be placed in a trench. Additionally, Duke Power's relocation cost 5.6 million, while Dominion Gas incurred a total cost exceeding 7 million. **Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Black River Road Construction. Mr. Graham made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. McCain. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Bishopville Truck Route (Motion)

Mr. Parkey confirms DOT's analysis indicating traffic volume in the northern portion has remained consistent or decreased. Phase I (Wisacky Hwy to Bishopville Hwy) is a viable project. Phase II (US15 to Wisacky Hwy) is also viable, complementing Phase I. Please find enclosure 4 requesting \$14,209,000 for project completion. **Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve to except the request for increase. Mr. McCain made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Graham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

c. Long Range Transportation Plan 2050 (Motion)

Mr. Parkey stated The Long Range Transportation Plan 2050 was adopted on June 3, 2024, following the input from committees and public comment received on May 1, 2024. Top concerns include economic development, safety, and truck travel reliability. Projects were identified based on public input, surveys, traffic, accident data, and discussions with local officials. **Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the LRTP new updated information. Mr. Graham made the motion, and it was seconded to McCain. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

d. Feasibility Study Updates

Mr. Parkey informed that the DOT is currently in the process of selecting a contractor and negotiating contracts for the US 521 and SC 261 Feasibility Studies. We can expect the results within the next 10-12 months. The contract has been sent to senior management

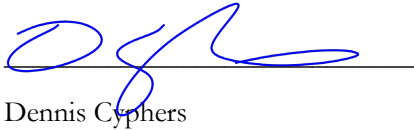
9. Other Business:

Mr. Dennis Cyphers mentioned we submitted a 141 million dollars grant request for SCTIB Program was due on May 17th. Planning a formal presentation and will provide updates by end of November.

10. Chairman's Remark: Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

11. Adjourn: Chairman Stewart called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. McCain. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Cyphers
Executive Director