

MINUTES

Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

6:00 PM

Held via simultaneous communication via Microsoft Teams

Delegates and Alternate Delegates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen	Latitious Morris, Town of Knightdale (A)
Bob Smith, Town of Angier	Kirk Smith, Lee County
Brett Gantt, Town of Apex	Steve Rao, Town of Morrisville (A)
Mark B. Wilson, Town of Archer Lodge	Sally Greene, Orange County
Jerry Medlin, Town of Benson	Pamela Baldwin, Town of Pittsboro
Thomas Beal, Town of Broadway	Kevin Drum, Village of Pinehurst
Jennifer Robinson, Town of Cary	Donald Rains, Town of Princeton
DeDreana Freeman, City of Durham	Ronnie Currin, Town of Rolesville
Heidi Carter, Durham County	Rebecca Salmon, City of Sanford
Larry Smith, Town of Fuquay-Varina	Byron McAllister, Town of Selma
Ken Marshburn, Town of Garner	Susan Evans, Wake County (A)
Kathleen Ferguson, Town of Hillsborough	Chad Sary, Town of Wake Forest
Shaun McGrath, Town of Holly Springs	Joe DeLoach, Town of Wendell (A)
Butch Lawter, Johnston County	David McGowan, Town of Wilson's Mills

Delegates and Alternate Delegates Absent:

Joe Dannelley Town of Aberdeen (A)	Jessica Day, Town of Knightdale
Audra Killingsworth, Town of Apex(A)	Arianna Lavalley, Lee County (A)
Mark Jackson, Town of Archer Lodge (A)	Russell Creech, Town of Micro
Cassandra Stack, Town of Benson (A)	Frank Quis, Moore County
Donald Andrews, Town of Broadway (A)	Satish Garimella, Town of Morrisville
VACANT, Town of Cameron	Renée Price, Orange County (A)
Randee Haven O'Donnell, Town of Carrboro	Jeff Holt, Town of Pine Level
Dan Bonillo, Town of Carthage	Greg Baker, Town of Pine Level (A)
Christopher Nance, Town of Carthage (A)	Jane Hogeman, Village of Pinehurst (A)
Lori Bush, Town of Cary (A)	Michael Fiocco, Town of Pittsboro (A)
Michael Parker, Town of Chapel Hill	Nicole Stewart, City of Raleigh
Jim Crawford, Chatham County	Nikki Bradshaw, Town of Robbins (A)
Diana Hales, Chatham County (A)	Michelle Medley, Town of Rolesville (A)
Jason Thompson, Town of Clayton	Chet Mann, City of Sanford (A)
Javiera Caballero, City of Durham (A)	Bill Haiges, Town of Siler City
Nida Allam, Durham County (A)	Cheryl Oliver, Town of Selma (A)
Jason Wunsch, Town of Fuquay-Varina (A)	Lewis Fadely, Town of Siler City (A)
Tim Cunnup, Town of Goldston	Andy Moore, Town of Smithfield
Matt Hughes, Town of Hillsborough (A)	John Dunn, Town of Smithfield (A)
Aaron Wolff, Town of Holly Springs (A)	Carol Haney, Town of Southern Pines
Trinity Henderson, Town of Kenly	Bill Pate, Town of Southern Pines (A)

Al Mosley, Town of Vass
Sig Hutchinson, Wake County
Vivian Jones, Town of Wake Forest (A)

Phil Tarnaski, Town of Wendell
Jim Uzzle, Town of Wilson's Mills (A)
Larry Loucks, Town of Zebulon
Glenn York, Town of Zebulon(A)

(A) – Alternate Delegate

TJCOG staff attending:

Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic
Development Manager
Judy Weller, Finance Director
Sean Flaherty, Principal Planner

Alana Keegan, Member Engagement Manager
Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Alex Halloway, AmeriCorps Staffer
Renee Boyette, FTZ #93 Administrator

Also Attending:

Tom White, NC State Economic Development
Partnership
Seth Hatchell, Scotland County
Mark Ward, Scotland Regional Airport

Michael Landguth, RDU Authority
Mary Griffith, RDU Authority

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Donald Rains called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed all attendees. He then reviewed the requirements for virtual public meetings. Alana Keegan conducted the roll call to verify the attendance of delegates and alternates, then declared a quorum was present.

Review of Agenda

Chairman Rains presented the agenda for the May 26, 2021, Board of Delegates meeting and asked for any edits to the agenda. Hearing no changes, Chairman Rains declared the agenda approved by consent.

Recognitions and Presentations

• **Presentation from RDU Airport Authority**

Chairman Rains asked Alana Keegan to introduce the item and RDU Authority President Michael Landguth. Ms. Keegan stated that the Board was going to receive an update from RDU Airport on the past year and the outlook for air travel in the coming months. She also explained that the Board heard from Mr. Landguth at the May 2020 year, when the outlook for the airport was uniquely impacted by COVID-19 and has changed since.

Mr. Landguth presented a numeric overview of airport travelers, growth in airline providers, and operating budget. He shared details on the increased number of airlines and flight routes from Raleigh, a direct result of the confidence in sustained growth for the Triangle in the coming years. He stressed the budget shortfalls that the airport faces to keep up with this growth and maintain infrastructure that can handle the amount of travel in and out of the facility, including an urgent need for additional investment in the airport's runway. RDU Authority has requested \$275M from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to cover this shortfall in runway spending. Mr. Landguth explained that the region does not receive a fair portion of revenues from the agency compared to the amount RDU travelers pay into the funding pot.

Mr. Landguth concluded his remarks by asking for the Board and respective local communities to assist with advocacy for the airport and additional federal funding.

Mr. McGowan asked how general aviation fared during the COVID-19 pandemic at RDU Airport and if there was an impact to the revenue from general aviation. Mr. Landguth explained that it remained stable, and has rebounded faster, but is a very small amount of revenue for the airport. Mr. Smith asked for clarification on how much revenue the airport received from the FAA's Airport Improvement Fund in comparison to the amount generated. Mr. Landguth stated the airport receives roughly 6 cents for every dollar generated. Ms. Robinson asked for details on advocacy and resources that Board members can act on behalf of the airport. Mr. Rao asked if there had been a halt in airline traffic to India, and if the airport would receive any funds from the federal infrastructure bill's funding. Mr. Landguth explained that advocacy for funding focused on runways is critical to ensure the funding is most effective for airports. Mr. Gantt asked about the involvement between GoTriangle and the airport, and long-term planning for transit connected to the airport. Mr. Landguth discussed current taxes at the airport to help fund transit planning in the region. Mr. McGrath reiterated the question about connectivity between rail and the airport.

Business

- **Consideration of FY 2021-2022 Recommended Budget and Work Plan**

Chair Rains asked Lee Worsley to provide an overview of this item. Mr. Worsley provided an overview of the budget process from January to May 2021, details on the proposed budget and the increase of pass-thru COVID-19 funding from the federal government to the Area Agency on Aging, and the unchanged rate for membership dues. Due to a 0% health insurance rate change, the proposed budget includes an increase to employee Health Savings Accounts. Mr. Worsley outlined new positions included in the budget to build out new projects.

Chair Rains asked if any delegates had questions on the budget and clarified the recommended budget amendment would be considered for adoption under the consent agenda.

- **Request to sponsor expansion of the Foreign Trade Zone #93 service area**

Chair Rains asked Renee Boyette to introduce this item. Ms. Boyette provided background on the Foreign Trade Zone program and the desired action by Scotland County. She shared that the 18th FTZ #93 Board unanimously endorsed a request for inclusion in the service area by Southeast Regional Airport Authority and Scotland County Economic Development Department. The TJCOG Board of Delegates must also approve the County's request for expansion before it can be sent to U.S Commerce for consideration. Ms. Boyette introduced Seth Hatchell to discuss the airport's proposed use of the Foreign Trade Zone. Mr. Hatchell shared the history of the Scotland Regional Airport, the current facilities and related industry, and the ongoing expansion of the County's industrial park that would utilize the zone.

Mr. White and Ms. Wyhof Salmon expressed the appreciation from the FTZ #93 Board for Scotland County's efforts and the Board of Delegates' consideration of the request.

- **Equity Dashboard Resource**

Chairman Rains asked Alex Hallway to discuss the item. Mr. Hallway shared the new Equity Dashboard resource that is available for all member governments to utilize. He discussed the way the tool intends to highlight equity within the region and help local government assess what members of their community are disproportionately impacted by certain policies. Mr. Hallway also shared several examples of policy solutions implemented by member governments.

- **Report from the Nominating Committee**

Chairman Rains asked Ms. Wyhof Salmon to present the item on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Ms. Wyhof Salmon presented the following slate for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Board Officers for consideration by the Board.

Kathleen Ferguson – Chair
Mark Wilson – 1st Vice Chair
DeDreana Freeman – 2nd Vice-Chair
Ken Marshburn - Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Rains asked for any additional nominations; hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the recommended slate. *Ms. Wyhof Salmon made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Board Officer Slate; Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Ms. Keegan conducted the vote via roll call; the motion was unanimously approved.*

- **Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Funding Updates**

Chairman Rains asked Sean Flaherty to present the updates for the TDM program. Mr. Flaherty stated that the program sought approval by the Board to apply for Integrated Mobility Division funding for the FY2022 Triangle Transportation Demand Management Program, enter into agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurance and the required local match. The resolution to approve these items is included on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of FY 2022 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Resolution**
- **Approve minutes of April 28, 2021 Board of Delegates meeting**
- **FTZ Resolution of Support**
- **Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution**

Chairman Rains presented the Consent Agenda for approval and asked if anyone wished to pull an item for individual consideration. Hearing no requests, Chairman Rains asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda including the correction to the minutes. *Mr. Currin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. Ms. Keegan conducted the vote via roll call; the motion was unanimously approved.*

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None Removed.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Worsley highlighted a few opportunities for the organization. First, he shared that TJCOG is working with Mid-Carolina Council of Government to assist their member, the Town of Spring Lake, with financial management and evaluation, and to conduct a housing study for the City of Fayetteville. Both projects have been received exceptionally well by local and state agencies.

Mr. Worsley also shared that the NC Governor's office had included direct funding for the 16 Councils of Governments to assist with the American Rescue Plan and COVID-19 recovery. This proposed funding is an exciting development and recognition of the value that our organization provides.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rains thanked his fellow delegates for their support of him throughout his time as Board Chair.

Around the Region

Chairman Rains asked each Board member to share a few updates from their local government and community related to American Rescue Plan funding.

Other Business

Chairman Rains asked if there was any other business.

Hearing no further business,

Ms. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Rao seconded the motion.

Chairman Rains adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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Donald Rains, Chairman