

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
ORIENTATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS CENTER
JANUARY 9, 2004**

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Voting Members Present: Gary Gibbs, George Wangemann, Montie Robinson, Sr.
Cindy Van Dyke,

Nonvoting Members present: Emily Tait, Christine Stava, Todd Long, Bill Meyer, Kip
Padgett, Gary Gibbs

Staff present: Grace Grindle, John McHenry

Others present: Ruth Bruner, Susie Dunn, Tom Weyandt

CALL TO ORDER Gary Gibbs, Chairman

MINUTES OF

Motion:

1. WELCOME

Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. He said he would like to say how exciting this was from the County's prospective that they would reach the status of their own MPO. They understand more now about the benefits than they understand about the responsibilities, but he said he was sure that would come shortly. He advised the County is there with a willingness to work together as a group toward one common cause.

2. MEETING TIMES FOR POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Meyer advised that in trying to coordinate the meetings of all the committees the proposed meeting dates for the Policy Committee have been tentatively set as 10AM on the second Tuesday of March, May, August and November as regular quarterly meetings. There may be a need for additional meetings, especially in the first year, but that will be the standard set. They have worked to try and coordinate those dates with GDOT and other agencies that would need to be attending as well. These meetings will be held in the Development Services Building (Community Service Center).

Ms. Emily Tait said that the Regional Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration needs to be added as a non-voting member to the Policy Committee. Mr. Gibbs said they could make a motion to include that and that would be fine.

Motion: Mr. Wangemann made a motion to approve the dates and time indicated in the Bylaws. The motion received a second from Mr. Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Mr. Meyer explained the Citizen Advisory Committee has recommended the bylaws for approval. He advised they would be making one small amendment to the initial appointments on that committee where they will actually allow them to serve staggered three and two year terms, and then they will be on a two year cycle after that point. They will be coming back to the various jurisdictions, which appointed them for the cycle those members will be on.

Motion: Mr. Wangemann made a motion to adopt the bylaws as presented, subject to the specified modification. The motion received a second from Mr. Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

4. RADIFY THE ACTUAL MEMBERS ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Meyer advised he would like to point out that they have not had the formal appointments yet from the City of Flowery Branch, and will have to go ahead and take care of those at the next meeting. All the other appointments are as recommended by the various local governments. Mr. McHenry and Mr. Padgett advised the two from the City of Flowery Branch were both there that morning. Mr. McHenry advised their names were Mack Jones and Brian Puckette. Mr. Meyer advised it was his understanding they were going to take care of that at the next meeting.

Motion: Mr. Wangemann made a motion to approve the Citizen Advisory Committee Members as presented. The motion received a second from Mr. Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TECHNICAL COORDINATED COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Mr. Padgett advised the Technical Coordinated Committee just met and recommended approval of the Bylaws with one addition that the Chief of Police for the City of Oakwood be added as a non-voting member of the bylaws. They already have the Sheriff of Hall County and the Chief of Police of the City of Gainesville that were nonvoting members, and that was the only addition to that. He advised they were set up to give recommendations on any traffic issues. Mr. Gibbs asked the status of the Flowery Branch Police Department and Braselton. Mr. Padgett said there was no one there from Flowery Branch. Mr. Meyer said the urban area only included Flowery Branch, Gainesville, and Oakwood. Mr. Padgett said they did ask about Flowery Branch and no one was there representing Flowery Branch. Mr. Gibbs advised they could add them back at a later date.

MOTION: Mr. Wangemann made a motion to adopt the bylaws as presented, subject to the specified modification. The motion received a second from Mr. Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY

Mr. Padgett advised there was a note being made that there was an overlap in boundary with the Atlanta Regional Commission and an agreement was being worked out between the Atlanta Regional Commission and Hall County to dictate who does Transportation Planning in that area. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Mr. Wangemann made a motion to accept the Planning Area Boundary of the MPO as amended. The motion received a second from Mr. Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

- **Mr. Meyer advised based on bylaws adopted the next meeting date would be March 9, 2004**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gibbs, Chairman

Grace Grindle
Sr. Secretary