

TO: PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

FROM: MR. JIM THORNTON, CHAIRMAN, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PLANNING AND PROJCTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning and Projects Committee held a meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, Georgia.

The committee did not have enough members in attendance to have a quorum and conduct business; the meeting was not called to order. Mr. Kirk Fjelstul advised that the Executive Team Meeting with the committee members and the stakeholders would begin.

Planning and Projects Committee Members in Attendance

Ms. Kay Pippin, Mayor, City of Jackson  
Mr. Lee Boone, Chairman, Heard County  
Mr. Bennie Horton, Commissioner, Lamar County  
Mr. Douglas Hollberg, City Commissioner, City of Griffin  
Mr. Norman Allen, Chairman, Upson County

Regional Plan Stakeholders (Executive Team) Members in Attendance

Ms. Frankie Willis, Business Owner, Butts County  
Ms. Janet Hyde, Planner, Carroll County  
Mr. Tavoires Edwards, Transportation Manager, Coweta County  
Ms. Leigh Threadgill, Senior Planner, City of LaGrange  
Ms. Jennifer Rogers, Project Coordinator, Thomaston-Upson Community Heart and Soul

Staff Present

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul, Executive Director  
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director  
Ms. Kim Dutton, Planner  
Ms. Cymone Haiju, Planner  
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner  
Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director  
Ms. Amanda Turner, Deputy Administrative Services Director  
Ms. Hope Blakely, HR Generalist  
Ms. Pavielle Ludlow, Transit Program Manager

### APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2018 MINUTES (action item)

The committee could not conduct business due to lack of a quorum.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA (action item)

The committee could not conduct business due to lack of a quorum.

### EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING (PLANNING & PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDERS)

#### TRRC Regional Plan Update:

Mr. Fjelstul asked Ms. Jeannie Brantley to begin the Executive Team Meeting. Ms. Brantley welcomed the members and thanked them for attending today's meeting. She then asked Mr. Paul Jarrell to present his portion of the update.

#### Regional Needs and Opportunities

Mr. Jarrell began by advising the attendees that the regional needs were gathered from the six (6) public listening sessions that were held throughout the region. The needs were listed under headings such as Transportation, Housing and Land Use, Economic Development, etc., and at the November committee meeting, the attendees were tasked with assisting to prioritize the regional needs. Each member received a copy of the TRRC Regional Plan Regional Needs and Opportunities for their perusal. Mr. Jarrell advised the members that the priority needs and opportunities would become a part of the work program portion of the Regional Plan Update. He also encouraged the Executive Team to submit any feedback to the TRRC Planning staff.

One of the *Economic Development* section's priority needs ("*need for increased skilled labor*") initiated a comment from Mr. Douglas Hollberg. He recently attended a Kiwanis meeting where Dr. Kirk Nooks, President of Gordon State College, mentioned a statistic concerning young adults (18 – 25 age bracket) in the region and the fact that only twenty-one per cent (21%) of the population has more than a high school education. This could impact new businesses that may want to relocate to the region. Mr. Hollberg suggested that Mr. Jarrell contact Dr. Nooks regarding education and information on how the college can collaborate with local schools to improve that statistic.

#### Discussion of Goals and Policies

Ms. Cymone Haiju advised the members that the goals are obtained from statewide recommendations while the policies are gathered from the past Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) and regional plans. Ms. Haiju placed the members in several different groups and assigned a topic (economic development, natural and cultural resources, transportation, community facilities, housing, etc.) for that group to review. The groups were asked to discuss among themselves the statements under their assigned topics and make any needed adjustments. At the end of the exercise, one representative from each group gave their report.

## Discussion of Performance Standards

Ms. Kim Dutton presented this portion of the agenda. Due to time constraints, Ms. Dutton asked the members to review the Performance Standards as a “homework exercise” and to break down the standards into tiers (1, 2 and 3). The members were asked to submit this information to the Planning staff very soon.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was presented under this portion of the agenda.

## DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The Planning and Projects Committee will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.; the meeting location is the Turin Town Hall in Turin.

## ADJOURNMENT

There was no adjournment since the meeting was not called to order.

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Jim Thornton, Chairman  
Three Rivers Regional Commission  
*for* Planning and Projects Committee