

March 11, 2020

Minutes
Lenoir County Transportation Committee
DOT Division Building
February 12, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Voting	Non-Voting	Absent
Harold Thomas, LCED Board	Rhonda Barwick, Director of Public Services, City of Kinston	Michael James, County Manager
John Marshall, Lenoir County at Large, Chair	Keely Koonce, Interim Director, Lenoir County Economic Development	Aaron Bullard, Resident Engineer, NC DOT
Eric Rouse, Commissioner, Lenoir County	Micajah (Mickey) Anderson, RPO Planner	Carol Sykes/Donald King, Town of Pink Hill
Rick Barkes, NC GTP Authority (Nathan Kemp)	Len White, Division Planning Engineer	Joe Albright, Town of Grifton, Manager
Bobby Wooten, Mayor of LaGrange (John Craft)		Leraine Tolston, PRIDE of Kinston
Danny Smith, Member at Large, Lenoir County		Representative Chris Humphrey
		Gen. Hugh Overholt, (DOT Board Member)
		Preston Hunter, NCDOT
		Dan Sale, Member at Large, Lenoir County
		Tony Sears, Kinston, City Manager
		Senator Jim Perry
		Adam Short, City Planner, City of Kinston
		Don Hardy, Mayor, City of Kinston
		Angie Greene, Transit Director
		Chris Moore, Kinston/Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce

John Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. Approval of the January 8, 2020 minutes by Mr. Eric Rouse, and Mr. Danny Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Len White provided an update on current projects as follows:

TIP Projects

Current / Awarded

R-5703, NC 148 (Felix Harvey Pkwy): Extension from NC 58 to NC 11 on new location. Awarded to Branch Civil, Inc. Approx. 75% complete; contract completion date September 1, 2021 with incentive for early completion; contractor's goal is September 2020.

Bridge/Pipe Replacements

Upcoming

SR 1121 (Davis Mill Rd): Replacement of existing pipes with box culvert. Bids currently under review – contract award pending. Availability date March 15, 2020; completion date November 15, 2020.

Old Business:

Mr. Len White noted that the traffic light in front of Burger King on Vernon Avenue has been removed.

New Business:

Mr. John Rouse said the DOT needs a Letter of Support to proceed with the safety project proposal at Falling Creek, in front of Maready's Tire. There have been multiple accidents reported there with one recent fatality. A motion was given by Mr. Eric Rouse and Mr. Danny Smith. Motion carried. Len White asked the board to prepare a resolution to take to the commissioners regarding the proposed changes to the intersection at Hwy 70 and Eason Road/Kennedy Home Road.

Mr. Danny Smith discussed safety concerns at the intersection on Cricket Farm Road, beside the Sanderson Hatchery. He said there were frequent wrecks reported and suggested putting down rumble strips.

Mr. Mickey Anderson presented potential SPOT plans for Lenoir County. Points for SPOT are due by next March 2021.

Mr. Eric Rouse said Spine Road needs to move up because of development on the north side of the runway. This needs to be prioritized for prospects and ongoing projects. John Rouse reminded the Board that Spine Road can only use Division Funding. The proposed cost does not reflect benefits or accessibility as it stands. The proposed Spine Road will be a 4 lane divided highway.

Mr. John Marshall adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Next Meeting will be March 11, 2020 at the DOT building located at 2815 Rouse Road Extension, Kinston.