



Minutes
Policy Committee
September 2, 2021
10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Radney Simpson	GDOT
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Others Present	
Jonathan Sumner	City of Hahira
David Thompson	GDOT
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Amy Martin	SGRC
Megan Fowler	SGRC
Cameron Chaverria	SGRC



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Ms. Dukes called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Ms. Dukes asked those present to state their name and affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Dukes asked the committee members to review the June 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cain made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required

A. VLMPO Bylaws Update

Ms. Martin explained that the committee would not vote on this today but would review the change request and vote for approval next meeting per the PC bylaws. Mr. Simpson stated that in 2010 state law created permission for GDOT Director of Planning by the Governor and the representative was the voting member on the policy committee. After coordination between Mr. McMurry and Ms. Miller it was decided that the voting member should be the Director of Planning. Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Murray for giving the committee background information concerning the change.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Strategic Plan Implementation

Ms. Martin stated that the Strategic Plan was the outcome of a joint VLMPO committee meeting focused on how the MPO can better serve the needs of the community and stakeholders. She explained to the committee that staff are working to implement many of the items that are listed in the plan and would like to know of any potential analysis and or ways to highlight transportation planning. Ms. Dukes stated that coordination and consideration with the Valdosta Lowndes Park and Recreation Strategic Plan and there are various projects that have been recommended within the plan such as rails to trails. It would be good to coordinate with them so that we can combine resources to help achieve various transportation projects. Mr. Branham asked if the CAV assessment was available. Ms. Martin responded no. He asked if it could be emailed to him. Ms. Martin responded yes, I will email it to you.

B. GDOT Project Updates

Does Not Apply to the PC

C. Hahira Traffic Study Scope

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the line item is in the wrong spot and should be under the Recommendation for Approval section so there will need to be a motion and a vote from the committee. Ms.



Martin went over the scope of the study. Ms. Martin also notified the committee of comments from the CAC and TAC concerning potential solutions. Ms. Martin notified the committee that the TAC and CAC both voted to approve the scope and move it forward to the Policy Committee for consideration. Mr. Cain verified that the comment from the CAC was to consider an access road from the North Lowndes Park to Cook County. Ms. Martin responded yes that is correct. Mr. Sumner stated he was thankful for the support of the committees and the planning staff with helping to put together the scope and he was very appreciative of the consideration of the project from the committees. Mr. Barber made a motion to approve the study and Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

Ms. Martin introduced Cameron Chaverria, the new Transportation Planner to the committee.

A. Federal Legislative Update – Infrastructure Bill

Ms. Martin notified the committee that staff is keeping an eye on the potential infrastructure bill and will notify committees what that means for MPO funding should it pass.

Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matheson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paige Dukes', is written over a horizontal line.

Paige Dukes, Lowndes County, Manager
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization