

TO: PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

FROM: MR. CURTIS BROWN, JR., CHAIRMAN, PLANNING AND  
PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning and Projects Committee held a meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022. The meeting was held at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, Georgia. Committee Chair Curtis Brown, Jr., welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken and the following individuals attended:

Planning and Projects Committee Members in Attendance

Mr. Kevin Hemphill, Non-Public Member, Carroll County  
Mr. Greg Wright, Non-Public Member, Coweta County  
Mr. Lee Boone, Chair, Heard County  
Mr. Doug Hollberg, Mayor, City of Griffin  
Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., Non-Public Member, Troup County  
Mr. Norman Allen, Chair, Upson County

Additional Three Rivers Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Terry Nolan, Non-Public Member, Butts County  
Mr. Dustin Koritko, Council Member, City of Newnan  
Mr. Cecil McDaniel, Council Member, City of Barnesville  
Ms. Adrienne Shales, Non-Public Member, Upson County

Guests in Attendance

None

Staff Present

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul, Executive Director  
Ms. Angela Jackson, Administrative Services Director  
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary, Administrative Services  
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director  
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner  
Mr. Brandon Lounsbury, Economic Development Specialist

Ms. Stephanie Wagner, Planner  
Ms. Stephanie Glenn, Workforce Development Director

#### APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 27, 2022 MINUTES (action item)

Committee Chair Brown advised the members that the minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting needed to be approved. Mr. Lee Boone made the motion to approve the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Greg Wright. Committee Chair Brown asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA (action item)

Committee Chair Brown advised that a motion was needed to approve the agenda. Mr. Doug Hollberg made the motion to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Mr. Wright. Committee Chair Brown asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### TRRC BROADBAND TASK FORCE

Mr. Paul Jarrell and Mr. Brandon Lounsbury presented this portion of the agenda. Mr. Lounsbury reported that the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Broadband announced awards for broadband projects that were submitted from all over the state. A total of forty-nine (49) projects were awarded to a number of entities that represented public-private sector partnerships between local governments and other providers. A total of \$300 million was awarded; Diverse Power (EMC), Central Georgia EMC, Southern Rivers Energy (EMC), and Upson County Board of Commissioners were included on the list of awards winners. Over \$70 million was awarded to the Three Rivers region. More information can be found on <https://opb.georgia.gov/state-fiscal-recovery-fund>.

The City of Molena applied for a grant, but it was denied. Mr. Lounsbury and Ms. Jeannie Brantley discussed the discrepancy of broadband coverage (unserved versus served), the service provider for the Molena area, etc. After several minutes of discussion, Mr. Hollberg advised that the City of Griffin has fiber near the Molena area and he will check to see if broadband service can be provided to Molena.

#### THREE RIVERS RC TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLANS (TDP)

Ms. Stephanie Wagner presented this portion of the agenda. The committee members were advised that TRRC receives grant funds from the GDOT 5304 program to oversee Transit Planning activities. The project involves the Planning staff coordinating with local governments, MPOs (Metropolitan Planning Organizations), and transit providers to determine public transportation needs and to develop strategies to ensure individuals in the region have access to public transit. These federal funds are executed through GDOT who contracts with the regional commissions for delivery of services. The TRRC Planning staff is working with Carroll and Troup Counties to develop Transit Development Plans (TDP) that are to be completed by June 30, 2022.

## REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI) REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Brantley presented this portion of the agenda. She explained that the state requires regional commissions to conduct reviews of projects that may have an impact on the area where the project is proposed. Ms. Brantley reminded the members that if a local government is considering action on a proposed development in their area that may meet or exceed the thresholds specified in the DRI Rules, the local government must submit the project to the regional commission for determination of whether it is a DRI. There are several large development projects that are proposed in the region and the Planning staff is currently reviewing them. Ms. Brantley and Mr. Norman Allen reminded the committee that a local government may jeopardize their Qualified Local Government (QLG) status if they fail to submit a proposed project through the DRI process. More information can be found at <https://apps.dca.ga.gov/DRI/default.aspx>.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the committee that the management staff recently participated in a half-day work session concerning the review of the current strategic plan. The staff is assessing the plan to determine what areas need to be updated or removed. Beginning in March, the staff will bring questions to the members for their input.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was presented under this portion of the agenda.

## DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Committee Chair Brown advised that the Planning and Projects Committee will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; more details will follow.

## ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Brown adjourned the meeting after receiving a motion from Mr. Wright.

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Dustin Koritko, Chairman  
Planning and Projects Committee