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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, July 20th, 2021

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Nick Morrison, TJPDC	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x		
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT			
David Benish, Albemarle County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. He read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Lucinda Shannon took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

a. **Comments by the Public:** None
b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2021 (MINUTE :18):

Tom Egeland noted that his name was misspelled throughout the document and would like for it to be corrected. Mr. Egeland provided a motion to approve to minutes with those spelling corrections, Jim Frydl provided a second, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

4. REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY (MINUTE 0:30):

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Sandy Shackelford presented the board with the Remote Participation Plan with rules and exceptions. Stephen Johnson noted that the specificity of the personal nature reflected in the minutes is concerning. Ms. Shackelford said the minutes would reflect the reason that the person did not attend in general terms.

Motion/Action: Mr. Frydl made a motion to accept the Remote Participation Policy, and Dylan Bishop seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. JAUNT PRESENTATION (MINUTE 7:13):

Stephen Johnson gave a presentation on Jaunt – what they do now and what they can do in the future.

6. RTAC STRATEGIC PLAN (MINUTE 38:21):

Lucinda Shannon introduced herself to the committee. She reviewed the process of creating the goals and objectives of creating a strategic plan. She asked the committee for thoughts on their idea(s) about the purpose and the goals of the committee and whether there should be other stakeholders to be considered including into the group.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 56:47):

Mr. Egeland did not have anything to add.

Dan Butch said rural paving has been approved on several roads. They are trying to keep the public more involved and informed. He worked with Greene County on Route 810 for Virginia byway designation which has been recommended for DCR VDOT designation. The Virginia Byway will go from where Nelson and Albemarle meet all the way up to Front Royal.

Douglas Miles said he had concerns about the new bicycle laws passed this past General Assembly session. His concern is more for in the Fall when busses will be back on the rural roads. Route 53 is particularly concerning.

Ms. Shackelford said she could talk with David Blount to find out additional information.

Dan Butch said there was a great deal of support for it in his region.

For a future meeting, Ms. Bishop said she is interested in what other localities are doing re: subdivision roads.

b. Next Meeting: September 21, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the July 20th, 2021 meeting at 2:13 pm.