



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 17, 2024

### 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

**Attendance:** Bob Buermann, Kirk Waite, Barclay Morris, Andy Alling, Peter Zamore, Bill Irwin, Sarah Hadd, Catherine Dimitruk, Luke Slomba

#### Adjustments to the Agenda and Public Comment

No adjustments to the agenda, no members of the public present.

#### Executive Director Updates: staffing, project updates, RPC Evaluation

C. Dimitruk updated the committee on two new staff positions. Cliff Jenkins was hired earlier in the summer and will officially start the first week of October. Luke Slomba, the current AmeriCorps VISTA employee, will transition to a regional planner (18-month position) starting in mid-November after his AmeriCorps service is done. B. Buermann added the Barry Lampke is retiring in early November. C. Dimitruk explained that NRPC will work to continue his Working Community Challenge program with in house staff, since it was scheduled to end March 1.

C. Dimitruk informed the committee about a new \$400,000 project that was awarded to NRPC as a result of D. Pierce's efforts to submit a proposal in less than a day after returning from vacation. The project is funding work on road erosion inventories on private roads.

The Committee also discussed the RPC evaluation being conducted by NADO. The evaluation was required in Act 181. The next steps include surveys of board members and local officials.

#### Draft Public Participation Policy

L. Slomba provided an overview of the policy including the process for developing the policy and the reasons for preparing a policy at this time. Committee members provided feedback on the draft. L. Slomba will incorporate the comments and provide a new draft for the October meeting with a planned Board vote in October.

#### Commissioner Survey Results

The Committee discussed the results of the survey and decided to move the meetings to a 6:30 start. In addition, the meetings will be largely virtual with occasional in-person meeting.

Additional ideas for Board meeting speakers were also discussed.

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#### September Board meeting Agenda

C. Dimitruk presented agenda items, including approval of the Montgomery plan, adoption of the energy plan and Clayton Clark from GMT as the speaker.

Member and staff announcements

A lively discussion of the soon to rise full moon preceded adjournment.