

# CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

## BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Central Pines Conference Room & Virtual

Chair Brett Gantt Presiding

### 1. Call to Order 6:00 pm

- a. Call to Order  
*Brett Gantt, Chair*
  
- b. Roll Call  
*Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board*
  
- c. Declaration of Quorum  
*Brett Gantt, Chair*
  
- d. Get to Know CPRC  
*Brett Gantt, Chair*

### 2. Review of Agenda 6:05 pm

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*Brett Gant, Chair*  
Potential Action: Chair Gantt will approve

### 3. Presentations & Recognition 6:10 pm

- a. Membership Request: Taylortown  
*Presenters: Brett Gantt, Chair*  
Potential Action: Vote on Membership Approval by Roll Call
  
- b. Introductions from Governor Stein's Office  
Potential Action: None – Information Only
  
- c. World University Games  
*Presenter: Hill Carrow, Chief Executive Officer*  
Potential Action: None – Information Only

### 4. Public Hearing 7:00 pm

- a. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Recommended Budget  
*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*  
Potential Action: Conduct Public Hearing

### 5. CPRC Program/Service Spotlight 7:20 pm

- a. Planning & Technical Assistance  
*Presenters: Chris Lawson, Community Development Senior Planner*  
Potential Action: None – Information Only

6. Business 7:30 pm
- a. Federal Action Plan  
*Presenters: Kyle Leopard, Strategics Consulting & Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director*  
Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda
7. Consent Agenda 7:35 pm
- a. Central Pines 2025 Federal Action Plan
  - b. North Carolina Health Insurance Pool (NCHIP), Resolution #2025-04-02
  - c. Foreign Trade Zone #93 – Temporary Delegation of Application Approval Process
  - d. Draft Minutes: January 22, 2025
8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
9. Around the Region 7:40 pm
- a. Around the Region  
*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*
10. Chair's Report 7:50 pm
- a. Chair's Report  
*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*  
Potential Action: None – Information Only
11. Executive Director's Report 7:55 pm
- a. Executive Director's Report  
*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*  
Potential Action: None – Information Only
12. Other Business
- a. Other Business  
*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*
13. Adjournment 8:00 pm

**Meeting Date:**

April 23, 2025

**Agenda Location:**

Presentations & Recognition

**Item Title:**

New Member – Town of Taylortown

**Presenter(s):**

Brett Gantt, Chair

**Background:**

The Town of Taylortown, located in Moore County, is requesting membership in Central Pines Regional Council, effective April 23, 2025. At the Town's recent Board Meeting, the Council adopted the attached resolution accepting and approving Central Pines Regional Council's Bylaws and Charter Resolution and is now petitioning for membership.

All requirements for CPRC membership have been fulfilled, and the request for membership must be approved by the Board of Delegates to become official. Town officials will be present and will provide introductory remarks about their jurisdiction during this time.

**Recommendation:**

Other

It is recommended that the Board of Delegates receive this information, welcome officials from the Town of Taylortown, approve the Town's membership request by roll call vote, and seat their delegate.

**Focus Area:**

Member Support & Strategy

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press Release |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Notice Required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                   |

**RESOLUTION ADM 1-2025**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, ACCEPTING, AND APPROVING  
THE BYLAWS AND CHARTER RESOLUTION  
OF THE CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL  
AS A PREREQUISITE TO MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Taylortown, North Carolina, has determined to make application for membership in the Central Pines Regional Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a prerequisite to membership in Central Pines' Board of Delegates is required to ratify, accept, and approve the Bylaws and Charter Resolution of the Central Pines Regional Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town of Taylortown to become a member of the Central Pines Regional Council and be an integral part of the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Taylortown Town Council has reviewed the referenced documents and finds them in order sufficient to ratify same as a condition of membership; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taylortown looks forward to joining its municipal and county colleagues in addressing the regional issues of concern to local governments throughout the region; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAYLORTOWN** that the Town does hereby ratify, accept, and approve the Central Pines Regional Council's Bylaws and Charter Resolution as a condition of the Town's membership within the Central Pines Regional Council.

Adopted and approved this the 8th day of April, 2025.

Mayor Sidney Gaddy

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Nadine Moody

  
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Councilmember Bridget Cotton

Bridget B Cotton

Councilmember Andria Parker

Andria W. Parker

Councilmember Marvin Taylor

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ATTEST:

Town Administrator, Carolyn Cole

Carolyn Cole

Town Clerk, Mikayla Sinclair

Mikayla Sinclair

SEAL

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO TAYLORTOWN

WHEREAS, the Town of Taylortown, located in Moore County, requests membership in Central Pines Regional Council, effective April 23, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Taylortown was incorporated in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, Taylortown is a community of 722 residents; and,

WHEREAS, according to Article IV, Section 1 of the CPRC Charter, the initial membership of the Regional Council shall consist of the general purpose governmental units of and in the counties of Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange, and Wake, known as the Central Pines (formerly Triangle J) Region, which adopted a resolution pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-470 on or before June 30, 1972; and,

WHEREAS, according to Article IV, Section 2 of the CPRC Charter, membership was extended to the general purpose governmental units of and in Moore County in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, according to Article IV, Section 3 of the CPRC Charter, Any municipality or county in the Central Pines Region that is not an initial member of the Council may join Central Pines by ratifying or adopting its Charter and upon a majority vote of approval by the Board of Delegates; and,

WHEREAS, Taylortown has adopted the Central Pines Regional Council Bylaws and Charter Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, all requirements for CPRC membership have been satisfied;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DELEGATES** that the Town of Taylortown is hereby granted membership through the adoption of this Resolution.

Adopted and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Brett Gantt  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis  
Clerk to the Board

**Meeting Date:**

April 23, 2025

**Agenda Location:**

Presentations & Recognition

**Item Title:**

Introduction from Governor Stein's Office

**Presenter(s):**

Governor Stein's Team

**Background:**

North Carolina welcomed a new governor in 2025 for the first time in eight years. Josh Stein, who previously served as the state's Attorney General, was elected to office beginning in January. During this time, staff from the Governor's Office will join the meeting to introduce themselves, share their roles and areas of focus, and briefly discuss the Governor's priorities as they relate to regional collaboration and local government partnerships. This will be an opportunity for board members to begin building relationships with the new team, ask questions about the Governor's efforts, and to identify potential areas for alignment between state, regional, and local needs.

**Recommendation:**

None-Information Only

**Focus Area:**

Member Support & Strategy

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

- Public Hearing
- Newspaper Notice Required
- Website
- Press Release
- Social Media
- Other:



**Meeting Date:**

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**Agenda Location:**

Presentations & Recognition

**Item Title:**

World University Games Overview

**Presenter(s):**

Hill Carrow, Chief Executive Officer

**Background:**

The World University Games are the world's second-largest global Olympic multisport event, behind only the Summer Olympics. The World University Games have not been held in the U.S. since 1993, but the 2029 Games will be played in our region. As the name would suggest, the World University Games include the top collegiate athletes from around the world, which makes North Carolina's University Hub Region with its 19 colleges and universities and more than 260,000 college students, an ideal host community for the Games.

The Games will be held over a 12-to-13-day period in July of 2029 at more than 40 venues. The World University Games include a Cultural Program, an Education Program, and a World Conference in addition to the sports events and ceremonies. The North Carolina Organizing Committee or NCOC is the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) responsible for planning, development, and execution of the 2029 FISU World University Games.

Hill Carrow, CEO of the North Carolina Organizing Committee, will present to the board on the work underway to prepare for the event and the immense impact of it on our region and local communities.

**Recommendation:**

None-Information Only

**Focus Area:**

Member Support & Strategy

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

Public Hearing  Newspaper Notice Required

**Meeting Date:**

April 23, 2025

**Agenda Location:**

Public Hearings

**Item Title:**

Central Pines Regional Council Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Recommended Budget

**Presenter(s):**

Lee Worsley, Executive Director

**Background:**

Prior to the board meeting, the Executive Director sent his recommended budget to members and alternates of the Board of Delegates and the managers of CPRC's member governments. At this evening's meeting, the Executive Director will give highlights of the recommended budget and the Board of Delegates will hold the required public hearing on the recommended budget.

Any input received during tonight's meeting will be discussed. The Board of Delegates will consider adoption of the Budget Resolution during their May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

**Recommendation:**

Other  
Open public hearing.

**Focus Area:**

Administrative

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

- Public Hearing  Other:  
 Newspaper Notice Required  
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**Meeting Date:**

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**Agenda Location:**

Presentations & Recognition

**Item Title:**

CPRC Program Highlight – Planning Technical Assistance

**Presenter(s):**

Chris Lawson, Community Development Senior Planner

**Background:**

Planning Technical Assistance is offered to member governments, which can allow us to expand staff capacity as it relates to planning and zoning. Technical assistance can last for as long as the local government needs and the type of assistance can range from performing all planning and zoning-related duties, including current planning, to working as needed on individual projects such as long-range plans and planning processes, and implementation of planning-related documents. Since Central Pines is a local government, members can receive technical assistance without following bidding processes that are typically required to hire consultants or support staff.

**Recommendation:**

None-Information Only

**Focus Area:**

Community & Economic Development

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

- Public Hearing
- Newspaper Notice Required
- Website
- Press Release
- Social Media
- Other:

**Meeting Date:**

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**Agenda Location:**

Business

**Item Title:**

Central Pines 2025 Federal Action Plan

**Presenter(s):**

Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director

Kyle Leopard, Strategics Consulting

**Background:**

Over the past few months, Central Pines leadership has worked with our federal lobbyist, Strategics Consulting, to develop a formalized Federal Action Plan. This will be the first document of this type to be created by CPRC and adopted by the Board. This document is intended to comprehensively and succinctly our federal priority areas to legislative offices, federal agencies and the administration, and member governments.

These priority areas are reflective of current and potential opportunities to advance our region's goals through federal funding or partnership and protect critical programs at Central Pines Regional Council that ensure quality of life across the region. During this time, Alana Keegan and Kyle Leopard will discuss the items included in the action plan and its intended use.

**Recommendation:**

Place on Consent Agenda

**Focus Area:**

Member Support & Strategy

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

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ISSUE	PRIORITIES
<p><b>LOCAL-FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster relationships with members of Congress representing the state and region to ensure the continuation of local-federal partnerships and to highlight the priorities and issues impacting Central Pines’ 7-county region.</li> <li>• Maintain non-partisan advocacy for regional priorities across the federal government and continue to serve as a resource to federal agencies.</li> <li>• Provide education on the role that Central Pines, and other regional councils, can take to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of federal funds at the local level.</li> <li>• Oppose legislation and regulations that impose unfunded mandates on local governments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure support and potential funding for the "Connected Region" initiative led by Central Pines in partnership with local governments and community stakeholders to advance comprehensive land use and growth planning that improves coordination and increases the impact of federal dollars.</li> <li>• Support regional funding for disaster preparation, assistance, and mitigation to improve coordination, and federal policy changes that expedite the access to and use of federal disaster assistance funds.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND ENVIRONMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Central Pines' Area Agency on Aging, focusing on increased funding and local flexibility to meet the real and urgent needs of our region’s rapidly growing older population and the rising costs of service delivery.</li> <li>• Collaborate with Congress and federal agencies to secure funding for the regionalization of local water systems, enhancing community and economic development by addressing critical water infrastructure needs.</li> <li>• Support initiatives and federal funding to protect and preserve the region’s natural environment, promote sustainable land use and resource management, and improve region-wide resilience.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote programs to help local communities adapt to emerging technologies and to upskill the workforce for regional industries including, but not limited to, the advanced manufacturing, energy, research, construction, and technology sectors.</li> <li>• Preserve and enhance Economic Development District (EDD) initiatives and Economic Development Administration program funding that is an essential resource used by Central Pines to positively impact smaller, rural communities.</li> </ul>

<p><b>TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for sustained federal transportation funding opportunities to improve regional connectivity and mobility, including active transportation hubs and transit-oriented development; greenways and pedestrian improvements; road safety; public transit and buses; and other public transportation infrastructure.</li> <li>• Advance federal initiatives and funding that increase and preserve the quantity and quality of affordable housing and public infrastructure to meet the demands of sustained regional growth and reduce the cost-burden on older adults, rural residents, and others most impacted.</li> <li>• Support for the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBER SERVICES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure additional federal resources for regional priorities through Central Pines’ Grant Assistance Program including competitive grants, congressionally directed spending/community funded projects, and other funding requests.</li> <li>• Monitor and support federal legislation and programs that encourage greater regional collaboration and local project coordination.</li> <li>• Direct federal agencies to include regional councils and councils of governments as eligible entities for federal funding opportunities when local governments agencies are listed as eligible entities.</li> </ul>



**Meeting Date:**

April 23, 2025

**Agenda Location:**

Consent

**Item Title:**

Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the North Carolina Health Insurance Pool

**Presenter(s):**

Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive Director

**Background:**

CPRC previously was with the North Carolina League of Municipalities Health Insurance Pool for several years. In February, CPRC received notice that this pool would end on June 30, 2025.

After exploring options, CPRC asked for the North Carolina Health Insurance Pool (NCHIP) approval at their March Board meeting. CPRC was approved on March 26, 2025 by NCHIP Board. NCHIP is administered by Gallagher brokerage firm. Gallagher will be CPRC's Agent on Record for all benefits beginning July 1, 2025.

In order for CPRC to be accepted in the NCHIP program, the CPRC Board must approve the attached Resolution authorizing membership in the NCHIP program.

**Recommendation:**

Place on Consent Agenda

**Focus Area:**

Administrative

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

- Public Hearing  Other:  
 Newspaper Notice Required  
 Website  
 Press Release  
 Social Media

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
PARTICIPATION IN THE  
NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INSURANCE POOL**

WHEREAS, North Carolina local governments, including any North Carolina county, city, or housing authority, may enter into contracts or agreements under Article 23 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the “Local Government Risk Pool Act”) to establish pools providing for life or accident and health insurance for their employees on a cooperative or contract basis with one another;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Health Insurance Pool (NCHIP) is a pool providing for accident and health insurance for employees of North Carolina local governments in accordance with the Local Government Risk Pool Act; and

WHEREAS, this local government wishes to become a member of the NCHIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF DELEGATES OF THE CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL, as follows:

SECTION 1 As of July 1, 2025, this local government will become a Member of the North Carolina Health Insurance Pool (NCHIP), an intergovernmental cooperative to pool health insurance risks with other North Carolina local governments. The terms and conditions of membership in NCHIP will be such terms and conditions as are imposed by the board of trustees of NCHIP and pursuant the terms of applicable contracts and by-laws of NCHIP, as such may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2 In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 58-23-5(e), the Executive Director of this local government, or such other officer, as shall be authorized, is directed to give notice (or cause notice to be given) to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance no later



than June 1, 2025, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner that this local government intends to participate in NCHIP as of July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3 The Executive Director of this local government, or such other officer, as shall be authorized, is directed to execute any documents necessary to complete the membership of the local government in NCHIP.

SECTION 4 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form, if required by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Brett Gantt, CPRC Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Beth Seidel, CPRC Clerk to the Board

**Meeting Date:**

April 23, 2025

**Agenda Location:**

Consent

**Item Title:**

Foreign Trade Zone #93 – Temporary Delegation of Application Approval Process

**Presenter(s):**

Lindsay Whitson, Community and Economic Development Director

**Background:**

Since February 2025, Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #93 has seen an influx of requests for FTZ site designation. Central Pines Regional Council is the grantee and administrator of FTZ and is tasked with advancing potential applicants through our governed approval process, which currently includes applicants seeking approval of sponsorship from the FTZ Board #93 Board, then by the CPRC Executive Committee or CPRC Board of Delegates. Because of the increase of requests that CPRC is experiencing, most notably from the various increase in tariffs issued by the federal government, CPRC staff are recommending that the FTZ #93 Board indefinitely has the final authority to approve sponsorships of submitted applications.

This request is being made to prevent future CPRC Executive Committee or Board of Delegates meetings from being consumed by potential applicants' presentations and subsequent approval process. CPRC staff will summarize applications that present to the FTZ #93 Board and will include minutes and presentations from each board meeting in future CPRC Executive Committee or Board of Delegates agenda packets. As a reminder, CPRC staff are currently working to update the application process in a manner that is better suited for all parties, and CPRC staff anticipate that process to be completed by fall 2025.

**Recommendation:**

Place on Consent Agenda

**Focus Area:**

Community & Economic Development

**Will Documentation Be Included for Agenda Packet:**

Yes  No

If yes, please include documentation in the appropriate meeting folder [HERE](#).

**Is Any Additional Action/Communication Required:**

Public Hearing  Newspaper Notice Required



**Central Pines Regional Council  
Board of Delegates**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Virtual | Chair Brett Gantt Presiding

**Delegates & Alternates Attending:**

Wilma Laney, Aberdeen  
Brett Gantt, Apex  
Randee Haven O'Donnell, Carrboro  
Jennifer Robinson, Cary  
Sarika Bansal, Cary (A)  
Michael Parker, Chapel Hill  
DeDreana Freeman, Durham (A)  
Mike Lee, Durham County  
Janice Gregorich, Foxfire  
Bryan Haynes, Fuquay-Varina (A)  
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough  
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs  
Tim Forrest, Holly Springs (A)  
Butch Lawter, Johnston County  
Mark Swan, Knightdale  
Katy Garcia, Micro  
Steve Rao, Morrisville  
Jean Hamilton, Orange County  
Sally Green, Orange County (A)  
Jerry Williams, Pinebluff  
Jeff Morgan, Pinehurst  
Pamela Baldwin, Pittsboro  
Stacy Johnson, Princeton  
Mitchell Silver, Raleigh  
Ronnie Currin, Rolesville  
Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, Sanford  
Mark Akinosho, Sanford (A)

Byron McAllister, Selma  
Susan Evans, Wake County  
Nick Sliwinski, Wake Forest  
Joe DeLoach, Wendell  
David McGowan, Wilson's Mills  
Shannon Baxter, Zebulon

**CPRC Staff Attending:**

Patty Barry, Senior Water Resources  
Planner  
Alana Keegan, Local Government  
Services Director  
Sterling McDonald, Stormwater  
Education Coordinator  
Beth Seidel, Member Engagement  
Coordinator  
Lindsay Whitson, Community &  
Economic Development Director  
Lee Worsley, Executive Director  
Doug Plachcinski, DCHC MPO Director

**Guests Attending:**

Rose Vaughn Williams, NCLM  
Erin Wynia, NCLM  
Kevin Leonard, NCACC  
Adam Pridemore, NCACC

A = Alternate

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Call to Order and Welcome  
*Official: Brett Gantt, Chair*
- b. Roll Call  
*Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board*
- c. Declaration of Quorum

*Official: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Chair Brett Gantt called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and reviewed the process for hybrid meetings. Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board, completed Roll Call and it was determined there was a quorum present at the meeting.

d. Get to Know CPRC

Chair Gantt shared information on one of the first budgets for the organization. The recommended budget for the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 1961-1962 was a total of \$41,815. Funding for the year came from \$15,578 in Federal grants, \$500 for Hillsborough Grant “61 and 62” and \$25,750 from the local government members.

Funding was spent in the following ways:

- \$26,155 for the Regional Land Development-Sewerage Facilities Study, and
- \$15,660 for general purposes, which included the rent of the offices for the council -257 square feet at the Hanes Building in RTP for a total of \$385; one Durham Telephone line, a bold face directory listing and long distance calls for a total of \$570; 2,500 miles of travel at \$0.08 a mile, and the purchase of a map file, a 4 drawer vertical file and a typewriter for a total of \$660

## 2. Review of Agenda

a. Review of Agenda

*Official: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Potential Action: Chair Gantt will approve

Action: Chair Gantt reviewed the agenda and declared that the agenda was approved.

## 3. Presentations and Recognitions

a. Recognition of New Board Members

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

New Delegates and Alternates join the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates yearly because of elections and local government appointment processes. Each January, the Board welcomes these new Board members to the Board of Delegates and asks each new Board member and Alternate to introduce themselves. Chair Gantt welcomed each of the new Board members.

Incoming Board Members and Alternates include:

- Delegate Michelle Burton, Durham County
- Alternate Delegate Mike Lee, Durham County
- Delegate Tom Adams, Moore County
- Alternate Delegate, Jim Von Canon, Moore County
- Delegate Mitchell Silver, City of Raleigh

Several of the new members gave a brief introduction.

- b. Resolution of Sympathy for Mayor Jerry Medlin, Town of Benson, Resolution #2025-01-04

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

Chair Gantt read the resolution of sympathy for Mayor Jerry Medlin, Town of Benson.

Lee Worsley, Executive Director shared several memories of working with Mayor Medlin.

Delegate Byron McAllister shared a few words about Mayor Medlin from his work experience with him in Johnston County. Delegate Steve Rao also shared a few words about what a wonderful man Mayor Medlin was. Delegate Butch Lawter shared about the Mayor's love for the Town of Benson and for Johnston County.

- c. Membership Request: Foxfire Village

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Potential Action: Vote on approval of resolution of membership

Foxfire Village, located in Moore County, is requesting membership in Central Pines Regional Council, effective January 22, 2025. At their recent Village Board Meeting, the Council adopted a resolution accepting and approving Central Pines Regional Council's Bylaws and Charter Resolution and is now petitioning for membership.

All requirements for CPRC membership have been fulfilled, and the request must be approved by the Board of Delegates to become official.

Mayor Janice Gregorich shared that she was anxious to get started working with CPRC and are glad to be a part of the organization again.

**Action:** Approval of CPRC membership resolution for Foxfire Village, Resolution #2025-01-01

Motion: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson

Second: Delegate Wilma Laney

Beth Seidel facilitated a roll call vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.

d. Legislative Outlook for 2025

*Presenters: Kevin Leonard, NC Association of County Commissioners, Executive Director; Adam Pridmore, NC Association of County Commissioners, Deputy General Counsel; Rose Vaughn Williams, NC League of Municipalities, Executive Director; Erin Wynia, NC League of Municipalities, Director of Government Affairs*

Central Pines Regional Council is pleased to have fabulous partners at the statewide level that conduct a wide range of legislative advocacy and education efforts on behalf of our local governments.

Kevin Leonard and Adam Pridemore from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Rose Vaugh Williams and Erin Wynia from the North Carolina League of Municipalities provided an overview of the impacts of the 2024 election in North Carolina, laws going into effect that will affect local governments, opportunities on the horizon to engage with new and returning legislators and cabinet members, and ways Central Pines Regional Council Board and staff can partner with their organizations to support local governments.

#### 4. Business

a. CPRC Spotlight: Clean Water Education Partnership

*Presenters: Patty Barry, Senior Water Resources Planner; Sterling McDonald, Stormwater Education Coordinator*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Patty Barry and Sterling McDonald gave an overview of the Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP). The Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP) is a cooperative effort between local governments and state agencies to protect water quality in the Tar-Pamlico, Neuse, and Cape Fear River Basins.

CWEP aims to protect North Carolina's waterways from stormwater pollution through public education and outreach. CWEP is governed by a Steering Committee that is composed of representatives from each partner jurisdiction or agency. CWEP began in fiscal year 2002 with just 10 partners, and today it has grown to 44 local government partners and counting.

b. 2024 Member Satisfaction Survey Results

*Presenter: Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

As a membership organization, it is critical for Central Pines to continually assess the value being provided and satisfaction of our local governments. A membership survey was sent out broadly to our stakeholders throughout the month of August 2024. Alana Keegan reviewed the results and notable trends from the 2024 Member Satisfaction Survey.

Key Metrics included:

- 83% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: I am satisfied with Central Pines' work in the past year
- 62% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: I know who to contact at CPRC when I have a specific request or need
- 60% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: Central Pines is a leading organization in the region
- 36% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: Our region has a cohesive vision for land use, transportation, housing, and open space
- 73% of respondents feel very informed or informed about the role of CPRC and what the organization does in the region

Additional Takeaways:

- Continued room to improve in communicating our role, value, and offerings.
- Information gathering and providing opportunities for shared learning remain essential member benefits.

c. Update from The Forum

*Presenter: Kathleen Ferguson, Delegate*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Delegate Kathleen Ferguson gave an overview of the December 2024 Forum meeting. The Forum is a delegation organized by the NC Association of Regional Councils (NCARCOG) of elected officials from the board of each Council of Governments in the state of NC. The group champions regional policy solutions for challenges facing local governments across the state and advocates for regionalism at the state and federal levels. Kathleen Ferguson, Town of Hillsborough, is the current delegate on behalf of Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates. Ronnie Currin, Town of Rolesville, is the alternate delegate.

Ms. Ferguson mentioned that a large portion of government workers are using artificial intelligence (AI), however there is very little policy work that addresses this topic. Robert Hiatt from Upper Coastal COG is piloting an AI

Academy. Ms. Ferguson shared that there are four books that are great resources on how to utilize AI effectively. There are also policy templates from the School of Government available for local governments and COGs.

Ms. Ferguson discussed general updates from the group on their 2025 Legislative Strategy and the formally adopted Legislative Agenda for the Association which includes the following policy priorities.

1. Build partnerships and capacity for COGs to provide financial administration for local governments.
2. Provide ongoing funding for COGs to continue disaster resiliency efforts for communities and establish COGs as the entity to develop regional pre-disaster hazard mitigation plans.
3. Modify the Prosperity Zones to conform to COG regions.
4. Build strategic partnerships to improve regional delivery of services
5. Modify rules, regulations, or legislation to include COGs as eligible entities for state and federal grants.

d. 2025 Regional Day

*Presenters: Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director; Beth Seidel, Member Engagement Coordinator*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Regional Day 2025, hosted by Central Pines Regional Council will provide valuable knowledge and insights to help elected officials thrive, deepen their understanding of our region, and network and build relationships with neighboring colleagues and critical partner organizations.

Presentations and panel discussions will cover the historical context and data showcasing our region's growth and the value of partnerships between communities. Attendees will explore the vision for our region and the implications of regional growth. By the end of the event, participants will have a comprehensive understanding of our region's structure and function, and how their individual community fits into the larger network.

The event will include a panel of elected officials discussing lessons learned in their tenure and tips for new elected officials they wish they had known. During this time, the Board will have the chance to share guidance on what they feel would be most valuable to cover in the panel.

## 5. Consent

*Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by a single motion unless a member of the Board or Delegates requests an item be removed. Any item that is removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered individually after the Consent Agenda.*



- a. DRAFT Minutes: October 23, 2024
- b. Resolution of Sympathy for Mayor Jerry Medlin, Town of Benson, Resolution #2025-01-04

Chair Gantt reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be moved. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Action:** Adoption of Consent Agenda.  
Motion: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson  
Second: Delegate Chris DeShazor

Beth Seidel facilitated a roll call vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

## 6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

## 7. Public Hearings

## 8. Executive Director's Report

- a. Executive Director's Report  
*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*  
Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

Lee Worsley shared news that Alana Keegan has returned from maternity leave after the birth of her son. He also congratulated Beth (Davis) Seidel on her marriage.

Mr. Worsley stated that the CWEP program is a great example of shared services and how the COG can serve as a place for multiple local governments to come together to leverage and scale up your impact. This is also a way to check the box for those who are regulated.

Mr. Worsley welcomed Foxfire to the COG and noted that we are slowly working towards 100% membership.

It's beginning to be retreat season, and CPRC is facilitating several retreats in the region.

We were notified that the Town of Pittsboro received a \$1M RAISE grant that our grant team helped write for a bike/ped plan. These grants are very competitive. Staff also provided support in Chatham County with their Our State Our Homes grant program. Lee County was also a recipient of this grant. Our Housing team helped with that application.

Mr. Worsley mentioned that our thoughts are with the City of Raleigh and the police officer who was shot in the line of service.

## 9. Chair's Report

- a. Chair's Report

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

No report.

## 10. Around the Region

- a. Prompt: Share something in your local government/community that has never happened before.

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

Morrisville – Breaking ground on the first demonstration project for Downtown Morrisville.

Carrboro & Orange County – Opening their first municipal library in Carrboro. Rep. Valerie Foushee will be there to help with the dedication.

Apex – Passing their first comprehensive parks and recreation master plan.

## 11. Other Business

- a. Other Business

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair*

None.

## 12. Adjournment

- a. Adjourn the Meeting

Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

With there being nothing further, the Chair Gantt adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Duly adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025 while in regular session.

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Brett Gantt  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis  
Clerk to the Board  
Central Pines Regional Council

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