



Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates

Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 25, 2023,
6:00 – 8:00 pm Hybrid
Butch Lawter, Presiding
Central Pines Regional Council
4307 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC
Click [HERE](#) for Zoom Link

- 1. Call to Order** 6:00 pm
 - a. Call to Order and Welcome
Official: Butch Lawter, Chair

 - b. Roll Call
Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director

 - c. Declaration of Quorum
Official: Butch Lawter, Chair

- 2. Review of Agenda** 6:05 pm
 - a. Review of Agenda
Official: Butch Lawter, Chair
Potential Action: Chair Lawter will approve

- 3. Presentations and Recognitions** 6:10 pm
 - a. Recognition of Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman
Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair
Potential Action: None – Information Only

 - b. Recognition of Former Board Member & Past Officer Mark Wilson
Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair
Potential Action: None – Information Only

 - c. New Employee Introductions
Presenter: Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive Director
Potential Action: None – Information Only

- 4. Business** 6:35 pm
 - a. US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
Presenter: Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience Director
Potential Action: None – Informational Only

 - b. Federal Government Affairs Update
*Presenters: Alana Keegan, CPRC Local Government Services Director;
Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting*
Potential Action: None – Information Only

- c. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Interim Report
Presenter: Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic Development Director
 Potential Action: Consider adopting as part of the consent agenda
 Resolution #2023-10-01 approving CEDS Annual Interim Report
- d. Discussion of Board of Delegates and Executive Committee Meeting Changes and Bylaws Revisions
Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director
 Potential Action: It is recommended that the Board of Delegates discuss the proposed changes to the Board of Delegates & Executive Committee Meetings and consider approval.

5. Consent 7:30 pm

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: August 23, 2023
- b. Adoption of Resolution #2023-10-01 CEDS Annual Interim Report
- c. Consider Adoption of Resolution #2023-10-02 Revised Bylaws if Board wants to consider at October meeting

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda 7:35 pm

7. Public Hearings

8. Executive Director's Report 7:40 pm

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

9. Chair's Report 7:45 pm

- a. Chair's Report
Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair
 Potential Action: None - Receive as Information

10. Around the Region 7:50 pm

- a. Around the Region Reports/Updates
 Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

11. Other Business 7:55 pm

- a. Other Business
Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair

12. Adjournment

8:00 pm

- a. Adjourn the Meeting
Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

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Presentations & Recognitions

Item Title:

New Staff Introductions

Presenter(s):

Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive Director / HR Officer

Background:

During this time, CPRC program directors will introduce new members of the CPRC team and discuss their roles and respective projects. Hope Tally, CFO, will introduce Katie Davis, our new Finance Manager. Lindsay Whiston, Community & Economic Development Manager, will introduce Melissa Lowell, working as our Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator. Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience Director, will introduce Patty Barry who is working as CPRC's Senior Water Resources Planner.

Recommendation:

None - Informational Only

Focus Area:

Administration & Operations

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:

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Item Title:

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant—Phases 1 and 2

Presenter(s):

Emily Barrett, Environment and Resilience Director

Background:

CPRC was awarded a 4-year \$1M US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) in August of this year to do a regional climate plan for Johnston, Wake, Durham, Chatham, Person, Granville, Orange, and Franklin counties. These counties represent the 2-MSA (metropolitan statistical area) region of Raleigh-Cary and Durham-Chapel Hill. This grant is known as the Phase 1 Planning Grant for the CPRG effort, which is managed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The first deliverable for the Phase 1 grant is both technical—creating a greenhouse gas inventory for our region, and a collaborative one, requiring extensive outreach to summarize existing climate plans in the region and to reflect metro-area sentiment about the climate change mitigation tactics (those actions that prevent climate-warming air emissions or sequester or take-up climate-warming air emissions) that best suit our metro-area. This work will create a **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)** due by March 1, 2024. Phase 2 of the CPRG work is a \$4.6B competitive funding opportunity that would fund climate change mitigation tactics listed in the PCAP. Optional notice of intent letters are due February 1, 2024, and final applications are due April 1, 2024.

The grant is significant for the region and CPRC staff will provide an update to the Board of Delegates and leave time for questions about the effort.

Recommendation:

None - Informational Only

Focus Area:

Environment & Resilience

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:

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Federal Government Affairs Update

Presenter(s):

Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director

Leslie Mozingo, Strategics Consulting

Background:

Central Pines Regional Council has partnered with Strategics Consulting for several years to provide our organization and member governments with high-quality, timely, strategic guidance and federal lobbying support. Leslie Mozingo with Strategics Consulting will provide an update on federal government affairs. With changes daily at the federal level, it is hard to keep up with the most recent policy impacts to local governments and to the Regional Council. Ms. Mozingo will share key legislative and administrative activity from Congress and federal agencies.

Recommendation:

None - Informational 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:

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Interim Report

Presenter(s):

Lindsay Whitson, Community and Economic Development Director

Background:

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a regional blueprint for economic development across the Central Pines region. It is a five-year document that requires an annual interim report to track progress towards implementation, recognize potential areas for improvement, and outline upcoming activity that is anticipated. The 2023 Annual Interim Report and complete CEDS is available for review on Central Pines Regional Council's [website](#), and at any time throughout the year, input is welcomed and highly encouraged.

The CEDS is a requirement that CPRC fulfills through our partnership with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS strives to align with other local, regional, and statewide planning documents and is a tool that can be used when pursuing competitive grant opportunities and to facilitate regional collaboration.

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:

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Strength in Numbers

2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Interim Report

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01 What is Strength in Numbers?



Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) 2021-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Strength in Numbers, has three main objectives:

1. Build regional capacity;
2. Guide economic prosperity & resiliency; and
3. Encourage regional collaboration through partnerships & investments.

Due to rapid growth that spans across the region's communities, a coordinated economic strategy is essential to ensure sustainable and equitable growth for all communities in the Central Pines region. Strength in Numbers is strategy-driven and is critical to maintain a robust, regional economic ecosystem.



As the region's Economic Development District (EDD), CPRC is tasked with overseeing the strategy's maintenance and implementation. Strength in Numbers is an important prerequisite to receive recognition as an EDD and strengthens applications for funding and investments in the region. The strategy is updated on a five-year cycle with annual progress reports published during interim years. Strength in Numbers was created digitally on Arc GIS Story Map and may be viewed at [CPRC 2021-2025 Strength in Numbers](#). The following interim report highlights key activities performed over the past federal fiscal year, extending from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**Note that Central Pines Regional Council was formerly Triangle J Council of Governments.*

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02 Framework

Strength in Numbers has five goals centered around one common theme - Fostering Economic Inclusion. All recommended action plans are inclusive of equity and resiliency at the forefront, amplifying their economic growth of the region, while being sensitive to areas experiencing disinvestment and their varying socioeconomic and geographic needs.



Goal 1: Business Retention, Expansion & Innovation



Goal 2: Robust Infrastructure



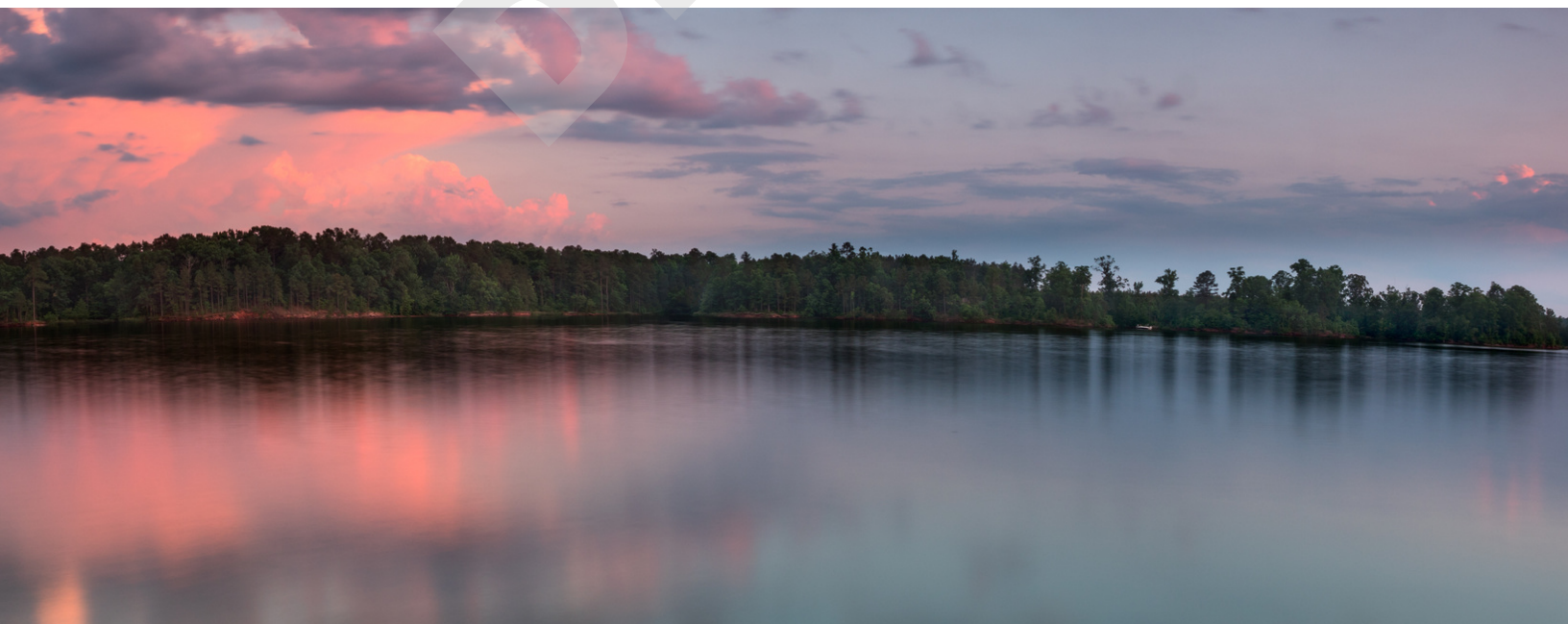
Goal 3: Workforce Development



Goal 4: Connected & Vibrant Places



Goal 5: Economic Resiliency



03 Economic Activity



The Central Pines region continues to be recognized as one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Rapid growth is experienced among all our communities, urban, suburban, and rural, resulting in lots of economic successes. However, such growth also brings unique community and economic challenges, such as capacity constraints at the local government level, inadequate inventory of viable infrastructure to meet demand, and challenges associated with scarcity of essential basic needs.

Additionally, one of the region’s greatest challenges continues to be its widening income and wealth gap. This gap has been magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic and the welcoming of non-native individuals, playing an influential role in raising the standard of living. Such population and economic growth are not projected to slow down, and the CEDS can be used as a supplemental tool to help the region respond both intentionally and equitably.





04 2023 Implementation



Home Repair & Energy Efficiency/Weatherization

CPRC continues to administer multiple grants to implement home repairs related to health and safety in low-income, senior, and disabled households. In FY2023, we began identifying ways we can increase investment related to energy efficiency and weatherization in households across the region. This includes working with local governments to pursue grants and with other organizations to identify how to utilize successful collaborative models across the region - to better streamline the intake process and deployment of funding. **We anticipate FY2024 presenting many more opportunities and gaps for us to fill as they relate to energy efficiency and weatherization of residential units.**



HUD Lead Capacity Building

In partnership with Rebuilding Together of the Triangle (RTT), CPRC was awarded a Lead Capacity Building grant award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This effort will allow CPRC to build a more robust pipeline to abate lead in households with children under six, and building standing partnerships with local public health departments, schools, and other related community-based partnerships.





04 2023 Implementation



Public Workforce Initiative

CPRC continues to work on the implementation of practices to help build a more robust, equitable, and sustainable pipeline for newcomers and incumbent workers in the public workforce, by working with the region's HR directors, universities and community colleges, and private sector partners.

We continue to seek out different funding opportunities and partnerships to enhance our capacity and capabilities.



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Support

Staff at CPRC continue to be instrumental in helping our local governments navigate the compliance that comes with federal funding received through ARPA. This includes working with communities to strategically think how to best leverage and deploy their allocated funding.

- CPRC continues to track opportunities related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, including grants, incentives, and priority areas.





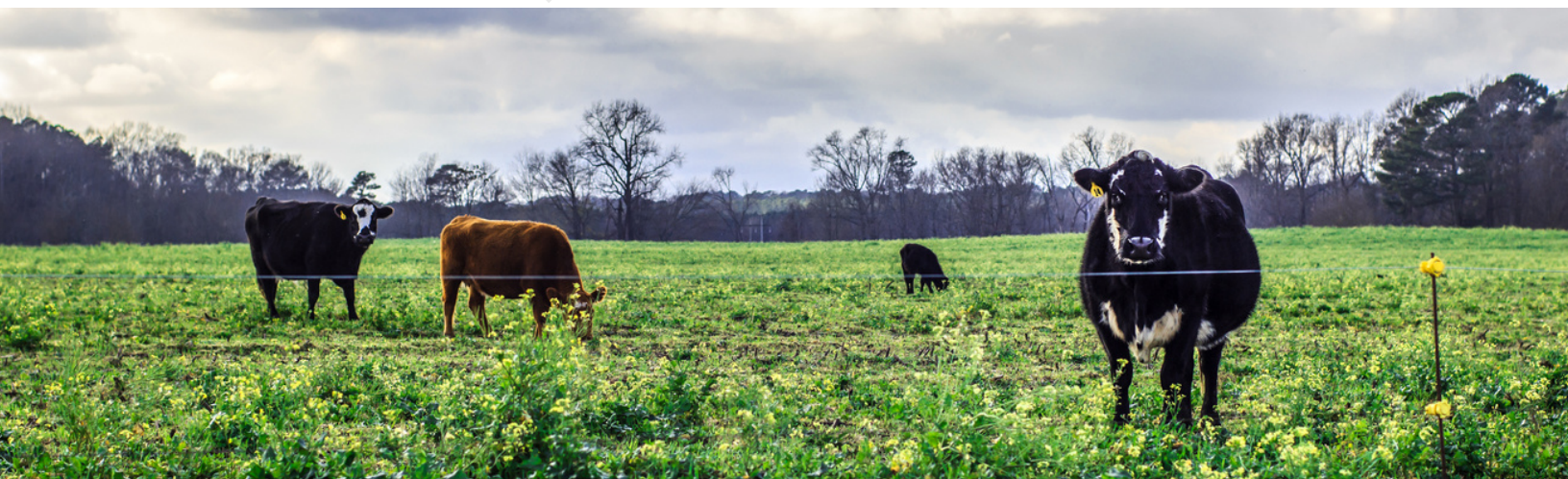
04 2023 Implementation



Grant Assistance

Through CPRC's Grant Assistance program, staff have been able to increase internal capabilities, in addition to external capacity. Roles include researching grants, strategic project development, partnership building, grant writing, grant administration, and serving as a liaison with funding partners.

- Providing increased capacity at the local government level has allowed CPRC to be extremely successful in an array of grant awards for member governments in federal fiscal year 2023. This includes awards from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Energy (DOE), among other funding sources.
- Support from CPRC's Grant Assistance program also afforded increased investment in many rural communities under North Carolina Commerce's Rural Transformation Grant Fund program. Awarded projects include Cameron, Carthage, Sanford, and Vass for downtown revitalization, construction of sidewalks, and development of an Agricultural Marketplace.
- CPRC has been able to improve research and messaging around available funding opportunities by cataloging federal, state, local, and philanthropic grant programs, and increasing competitiveness by encouraging regional projects where able.





04 2023 Implementation



Grant Administration

Through grant administrative services, CPRC continues to play an integral role in increasing capacity for member governments and regional partners. This includes administration of federal and state grant awards, local and regional projects, among other administrative-related services.



Connected Triangle +

CPRC is working with the City of Raleigh, who is spearheading an effort around smart city technology, formalizing the common goal of integrating new technology into public life. Participating communities are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), defining the collaboration's importance and purpose, scope of work, and responsibilities of each party. This conversation led to CPRC submitting an EDA proposal under their new Tech Hubs program, related to advanced communication and immersive technology - with the hopes of increasing resources, connectivity, and use of smart city technology throughout the region and state.



CPRC Strategic Plan

CPRC adopted its first ever strategic framework and as one of the fastest-growing regions in the country, CPRC's strategic plan is an essential tool to ensure we can respond to local and regional challenges in a forward-thinking and dynamic way. The framework outlines a vision and priorities that relate to Community and Economic Development, which align with CPRC's CEDS. This will allow for improved tracking and messaging related to the CEDS.



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04 2023 Implementation



Connected Region Guide

CPRC has begun planning efforts around the development of a **Connected Region Guide** and process. The **Connected Region Guide** will build on successful regional plans developed across the country to create a shared vision, goals, and success mechanisms and metrics in the CPRC region - that can guide local implementation of transit, housing investment, and land use equitably and seamlessly. The **Connected Region Guide** will focus on issues of crucial importance while relying on critical inputs of expertise from world-class anchor institutions, the community voices, and lived experiences of those traditionally under-represented in the challenges and choices of the region, all through a lens of equitable and sustainable engagement and investment.



Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)

CPRC administers the deployment of FTZ #93, and this year led to the development of an FTZ marketing video. The video can be used by CPRC staff and economic development partners to incentivize businesses to locate and/or expand in the 15-county region. This messaging will be critical in increasing the zone's usage, which in return can create jobs and enhance our region's foreign direct investment (FDI), while increasing our competitiveness.



Brownfields

CPRC continues to work with our environmental consultant to complete Phase I and Phase II assessments and brownfield-related planning projects under our Environmental Protection Act (EPA) grant award. In partnership with Piedmont Triad Regional Council and West Piedmont Planning District Commission, located in Virginia, the tri-county region began deploying funding for brownfield cleanup work. The funding can be used as a financing gap tool, to help developers and local governments get projects across the finish line.

05 Evaluation of Progress

The evaluation process allows CPRC and the region to reflect on implementation of the CEDS in FY 2023. Evaluation allows for adjustments to be made for improvement, and to continue to build momentum where able. CPRC leverages their partnership with EDA and other federal and local programs to build upon the five themes below.



Partnership Building:

Utilized to reduce duplication, leverage investment, and execute greater intentionality with implementation efforts.



Strategic Planning & Foresight:

Instilling proactivity can establish a more unified sense of direction and improve responses to changing environments.



Capacity Building:

Processes and implementation derived from the CEDS result in building internal and external capacity, strengthening local and regional communities and economies.



Member Government Support:

The CEDS aligns with the regional plans and the needs of our 47-member governments and regional partners, to define locally-driven, regional strategies.



Data-Informed:

Measurement of performance metrics helps to guide the CEDS process, focusing on quantitative data and impactful experiences uncovered through storytelling.



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06 What's Next?

- Continue to obtain greater investment into the region by tapping into the influx of federal, local, and state dollars and technical assistance opportunities afforded by the American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Inflation Reduction Act.
- Address workforce needs by pursuing opportunities related to clean energy and green infrastructure workforce endeavors, public sector workforce needs, and striving to improve the needs of historically underinvested populations and communities.
- Leverage the Triangle Trends Report as a tool to be used throughout the region.
- Align work of Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, and Aging Focus Areas to meet the demands of the growing aging population and increased need for human and social services.
 - Increase home repair investment and programs related to home modification projects in homes of older adults and decrease energy-burden in homes of vulnerable populations by implementing efficiency upgrades and weatherization.
- Continue to increase the dedication of staff time to regional food system education, support, and implementation.

Areas of Improvement

- Update performance metrics to be more reflective of the region and measurable.
- Increase storytelling to highlight successes of CEDS implementation and local accomplishments.
- Update county profiles to be utilized for grants and reports by CPRC and member governments.
- Instill the CEDS more seamlessly within conversations and projects of other focus area leads at CPRC.
- Build partnerships with organizations or groups that may be lacking such as local Chambers of Commerce, private sector partners, and additional community-based partners.
- Increase resources and ability to provide additional support to member governments related to planning and zoning support.

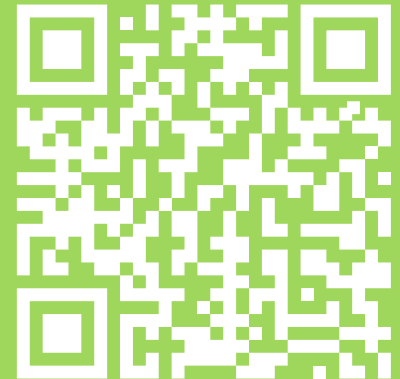
07 Let's Stay Connected



For more information about CPRC's Economic Development District (EDD), scan the QR code to the right or visit our website [HERE](#).

Want more information on Strength in Numbers or interested in becoming a partner? Want to host an engagement opportunity or have ideas on how we can broaden representation for our region's CEDS?

Contact Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic Development Director



Lindsay Whitson
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Development of Strength in Numbers would not be possible without participation from a broad range of stakeholders, elected officials, and members of the public. CPRC would like to thank all those involved and is excited to continue to create and maintain robust partnerships throughout the region to help build capacity, guide economic resilience and prosperity, and strengthen collaborative efforts as we plan for a more equitable regional economy. A special thank you to EDA for their investment in our partnership and region.



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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2023 ANNUAL INTERIM REPORT FOR
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS:
A REGIONAL PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RESILIENCE & PROSPERITY**

WHEREAS, Central Pines Regional Council serves local governments within Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, and Wake Counties; and

WHEREAS, Central Pines Regional Council has prioritized regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was approved November 18, 2020 and requires a yearly update; and

WHEREAS, evaluation and analysis of the strategy’s action plans are used to promote equitable economic development in alignment with other local, regional, and state planning processes; and

WHEREAS, Central Pines Regional Council supports the CEDS implementation efforts that have emerged throughout 2023 – to further the strategy’s intent to build regional capacity, guide economic resiliency and prosperity, and leverage partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates hereby adopts the 2023 Annual Interim Report for CPRC’s regional economic development strategy, *Strength in Numbers: A Regional Plan for Economic Resilience & Prosperity*, and the strategy’s implementation efforts set forth therein.

Passed this 25th day of October 2023 by the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates.

Signed:

Attest:

By: _____
R.S. Lawter, Jr., Chair
Central Pines Regional Council
Board of Delegates

By: _____
Beth Davis
Central Pines Regional Council
Clerk to the Board

Meeting Date:

October 25, 2023 - Full Board

Agenda Location:

Business

Item Title:

Discussion of Board of Delegates and Executive Committee Meeting Changes and Bylaw Revisions

Presenter(s):

Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Background:

The attached documents outline a proposed new structure for the Central Pines Board of Delegates and its Executive Committee. Additionally, the attachment proposes a new subcommittee structure reflecting each of CPRC's Focus Areas. These proposed changes were presented to the FY 2022-2023 Officers several months ago. Several changes were suggested during that meeting, which have been incorporated into the document. In addition, the proposal was presented to the Central Pines Executive Committee on September 27, 2023. During that time, the Executive Committee suggested additional changes, which have been incorporated into the draft proposal.

The purpose of the proposal is to 1) shift higher profile speakers and discussions to the Board of Delegates, 2) reserve more routine business to the Executive Committee to preserve more time on the Board of Delegates meetings for strategic discussions, and 3) introduce a subcommittee structure where each focus area would have a subcommittee to encourage deeper Board interaction and more inclusiveness of our local government staff members and stakeholders.

The timing of this discussion is appropriate since the Bylaws for the organization need to be updated due to the rebranding to CPRC.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Delegates discuss the proposed changes to the Board of Delegates and Executive Committee meetings and consider approval.

Focus Area:

Administration & Operations

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:

Potential Board Meeting Changes (Track Changes reflect changes after Executive Committee September 27 Feedback)

Central Pines Board of Delegates

The purpose of the Board meeting will be to maximize attendance by providing high-profile speakers or topics—potentially four meetings on-site and two meetings off-site with associated “tour” or community highlights. One on-site meeting could be a legislative dinner; each meeting would also highlight a Central Pines focus area and progress on the strategic plan and work plan for the coming year; a presentation would be done with the subcommittee chair.

Board Meeting dates with routine items that would be handled at each meeting.

- January – On Site
 - Audit Presentation and Financial Presentation by CFO,
 - Welcome new delegates,
 - Honor departing delegates (new delegates get a nice, framed certificate of appointment, departing delegates get a commemoration of service, also Central Pines promotional items),
 - Appoint subcommittees.
 - Board Member Pictures
- April – Raleigh
 - Legislative event
- June – On Site
 - Budget Adoption
- August – On Site
- October – Visit local government
- December – On-Site On-Site (early December, informal drop-in reception style)
 - Year End Celebration, Awards
 - Invite incoming Board members that are known at that time

Central Pines Executive Committee

The purpose of the Executive Committee meeting will be to transact the routine business of the organization and hear updates from our focus area leads on progress on the Strategic Plan, the status of the subcommittees, and other opportunities to discuss business and strategy. Executive Committee meetings would be held virtually to ease travel demands on Board members who are on Executive Committee.

Executive Committee dates with routine items that would be handled at each meeting.

- February
- March
 - Nominating Committee Process reminder
- May–
 - Budget Presentation and Budget Public Hearing
 - Executive Director Evaluation
- September
- November

Focus Area Subcommittees

The purpose of subcommittees is to allow elected officials and staff the opportunity to dive deeper into one of Central Pines’ six focus areas. Subcommittees would meet at least quarterly and discuss issues in the focus area, help provide input on Central Pines programs and future opportunities, receive updates on Strategic Plan, and help inform potential changes. A member of the Board of Delegates would chair each subcommittee. Participation in subcommittees could also be a pathway to way to expose elected officials not on the Board to the work of the Regional Council and get them interested in Board of Delegate appointment when a vacancy occurs. The Subcommittee are also and a way to engage more elected officials and staff members.

Additionally as the Connected Region Vision is developed, the subcommittees can be used to receive updates and provide thoughts on progress.

Subcommittees (with some suggested organizations that ~~we staff~~ would want part of the group, list is in no way exhaustive)

- Transportation (more discussion is needed on this)
 - DOT Sec, RDU, GoTriangle, MPO
- Environment and Resilience
 - DEQ both water/sewer and stormwater
- Community and Economic Development
 - Commerce, RTRP, Office of Broadband
- Housing
- Member Support and Strategy
 - Managers, other staff members
- Aging and Human Services – Utilize the existing Aging Advisory Committee but look at membership to make sure it’s inclusive enough.
- Regional Policy

Local Government Managers

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We need to work on this to get managers more engaged in the Strategic Plan and proposed work plan. A local government manager should chair this committee.

Mayor and Chairs

We need to work on this. Utilize best practice examples like Boston to get the group going again. We may need to consider a large and small group or some other configuration.

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~~Triangle J Council of Governments~~Central Pines Regional Council Bylaws

I. GENERAL RULES

The ~~Triangle J Council of Governments~~Central Pines Regional Council shall be governed by the provisions of Part 2, Article 20, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and by the provisions of the Charter Resolution establishing the Council.

II. OFFICERS

Officers as described in the Charter shall be elected no later than the regular May meeting of the Board of Delegates. Those elected shall take office on the following July 1 and serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Officers shall be eligible for re-election one time.

III. MEETINGS

~~The Board of Delegates shall adopt a meeting schedule for the next calendar year for the Board of Delegates and Executive Committee by October 1 of the preceding year. The Board of Delegates and/or Executive Committee will meet in regular session on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the time and place set by the Chair. The Board of Delegates will meet in January, March, April, May, August, October and November. The Executive Committee will meet in February, June, September, and December.~~

IV. QUORUM

A quorum (number of Delegates, or Alternates in place of a Delegate, required to act upon official business) shall be defined as 40% of the total number of Delegates officially appointed to their seats by a local government member. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be defined as 40% of the total number of Executive Committee members. Vacancies of both the Delegate and Alternate from a local government member on the Board of Delegates or the Executive Committee shall not count toward the number needed for a quorum.

V. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Staff

The Council shall employ a staff of qualified professionals, and other support staff, and pay them such compensation as it shall deem necessary and advisable to carry out their duties and implement Council projects, programs and functions.

Section 2. Executive Director

The chief executive officer of the staff shall be the Executive Director, who shall have direct supervision of all other employees of the Council and direct control, subject to the direction

of the Board of Delegates, of the management of the Council's affairs. ~~With the approval of the Board of Delegates, the term President may be used interchangeably with Executive Director.~~

Section 3. Duties of the Executive Director

In addition to being the Council's chief source of professional guidance and initiator of worthy considerations, the duties of the Executive Director shall be, but not limited to:

- (a) maintain and manage the business office of the Council;
- (b) serve as custodian of all Council property and records;
- (c) conduct the correspondence of the Council;
- (d) assist the Council officers and committee chair(s) in carrying out their duties as may be appropriate;
- (e) attend all Board of Delegates and Executive Committee meetings and be prepared to report on any and all business, activities, meetings, proposals, cooperative endeavors, etc., in which the Council is currently engaged or may be in the process of developing;
- (f) maintain close personal contact with representatives of Federal, State, and local agencies that currently are, or subsequently will be, cooperatively involved in accomplishing the objectives of the Council;
- (g) acquire and maintain a working knowledge of the current laws, regulations, and procedures which govern the above-mentioned Federal, State and local agencies in order that the joint endeavors of the Council and these agencies proceed smoothly and efficiently;
- (h) ~~prepare, in cooperation with the Treasurer and Executive Committee, recommend~~ an annual budget for consideration and adoption by the Board of Delegates and for presentation to member governments;
- (i) prepare an annual report showing activities and accomplishments leading toward attaining Council objectives, together with audited reports and receipts and expenditures for presentation to the respective member governments;
- (j) be responsible for carrying out all orders and directives issued by the Board of Delegates or Executive Committee;
- (k) be responsible for the employment, supervision and direction of the employees authorized by the Board of Delegates;
- (l) ~~act as secretary to the Board of Delegates designate a clerk for the Board of Delegates and Executive Committee~~

Section 4. Execution of Instruments

The Executive Director, unless otherwise directed, shall have the power to sign on behalf of the Board of Delegates any agreement or other instrument to be executed by the Council. Unless otherwise provided, the Executive Director shall sign or countersign checks and vouchers in payment of obligations of the Council.

Section 5. Finance Officer

~~These duties are set forth in paragraph 6 and 7 of Article X of the Charter.~~

VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be as set forth in the Charter, Article XI.

The Executive Committee shall identify and bring before the Board of Delegates for consideration matters of regional concern and interest and suggested work plan priorities. The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Council on all matters affecting the Council, except for:

- a) the initial adoption of the annual ~~TJCOGCRPC~~ Budget Resolution;
- b) the fixing of the membership assessment;
- c) the amending of the ~~TJCOGCRPC~~ Charter and Bylaws; and
- d) the employment and discharge of the Executive Director.

Section 2. Technical and Advisory Committees

Technical and Advisory committees may be established as prescribed in the Charter, Article XI.

Technical committees are appointed for their ability to provide the Board of Delegates with special information of a professional or technical nature. Appointments are therefore based primarily upon knowledge of the particular subject matter being addressed.

Advisory committees are more general in nature and are appointed for their ability to provide the Board of Delegates with viewpoints and opinions with respect to the subject being addressed. Appointments are therefore made primarily with the objective of achieving a broad mix of people with interest in the subject.

Section 3. Special Committees

Special committees are committees with fixed membership categories as specified by previous action of the Board of Delegates.

VII. MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENTS

Membership assessments for the support of the organization shall be paid by each member government. Effective July 1, ~~2014-2023~~ membership assessments shall be calculated as follows:

~~\$4139~~ per capita for the first ~~150,000~~~~200,000~~ population; then for additional population over ~~150,000~~~~200,000~~ the rate will be \$.20 per capita. Counties pay for citizens in unincorporated areas only.

Population figures for each member jurisdiction will be based on the most recent annual state estimate. ~~Effective July 1, 1996 any payments required to support federal or state funded programs will be paid by the responsible local government, separate from its membership assessment.~~

VIII. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by vote of the Board of Delegates provided that such amendment shall have first been presented to the Board of Delegates in writing at least six days preceding the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Amended: June 25, 1975
March 23, 1977

March 1, 1978
March 1, 1982
March 27, 1996
September 22, 2004
May 23, 2012
May 28, 2014
November 16, 2016
October 25, 2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED BYLAWS OF CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the TJCOG Board of Delegates approved an organization rebrand process in its Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to identify and implement a new name, logo, and brand for the organization, and rebranding consultant Carrboro Creative was selected to conduct the process in the Fall of 2022;

WHEREAS, the proposed rebrand, including a name change from Triangle J Council of Governments to Central Pines Regional Council has been approved by modification of the organization’s Charter and was effective on July 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, due to the name change the Bylaws of Central Pines Regional Council are proposed to be amended to reflect the name change and other recommended changes to allow for the most effective governance and administration of the organization;

WHEREAS, appropriate notice has been given to the Board of Delegates, as stipulated in the Bylaws, for amendments to be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates

that the Bylaws of the Central Pines Regional Council are hereby amended as approved at the October 25, 2023 Board of Delegates meeting.

Adopted and approved this the 25th of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

Beth Davis
Clerk to the Board

R.S. Lawter, Jr.
Chair



Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hybrid
Town of Apex Town Hall, 73 Hunter Street, Apex, NC

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
Bob Smith, Angier
Brett Gantt, Apex
Thomas Beal, Broadway
Jennifer Robinson, Cary
DeDreana Freeman, Durham
Ken Marshburn, Garner
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough
Butch Lawter, Johnston County
Jessica Day, Knightdale
Bill Carver, Lee County
Katy Garcia, Micro
Steve Rao, Morrisville
Jeff Morgan, Pinehurst
Donald Rains, Princeton
Rebecca Salmon, Sanford
Bill Haiges, Siler City
Andy Moore, Smithfield
Linda Vandercook, Whispering Pines
Larry Loucks, Zebulon

CPRC Staff Attending:

Alana Keegan, Local Government
Services Director

Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive
Director
Tammy Russell, Administrative Support
Specialist
Hope Tally, Chief Finance Officer
Hunter Fillers, Housing Program
Manager
Avery Plachcinski, CPRC Intern
Doug Plachcinski, DCHC MPO Executive
Director
Beth Davis, Member Engagement
Coordinator
Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Lindsay Whitson, Community &
Economic Development Director
Tyler Queen, Lead for NC Fellow
Shuchi Gupta, Senior Planner

Guests Attending:

Charles McCall, Southeast Raleigh
Promise
Tashana Gaskins, Arise Collective
Jared Harber, Oaks & Spokes

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm

- a. Call to Order and Welcome
Official: DeDreana Freeman, Chair
- b. Roll Call
- c. Declaration of Quorum
Official: DeDreana Freeman, Chair

Chair Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director, completed Roll Call and it was determined there was a quorum present at the meeting.

2. Review of Agenda

6:05 pm

a. Review of Agenda

Official: DeDreana Freeman, Chair

Action: Chair Freeman declared that the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Presentations and Recognitions

6:10 pm

a. New Employee Introductions

Presenter: Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive Director

Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive Director, announced three new staff members who have joined the CPRC team since the beginning of the Fiscal Year, including Tammy Russell, Hunter Fillers, and Doug Plachcinski.

Lindsay Whitson, Community and Economic Development Director, introduced Hunter Fillers, Housing Program Manager who started working with CPRC at the end of June. Mr. Fillers shared his background in AmeriCorps and in the housing field. He's also a big Bruce Springsteen fan.

Ms. Halsey introduced Tammy Russell, Administrative Support Specialist. Ms. Russell shared that she has over 20 years of administrative background experience. She's a mother of 4, grandmother of 4 and has one grandchild on the way.

Ms. Halsey introduced Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Plachcinski has quite a bit of experience in zoning, transportation, and capital improvement programming. He enjoys pottery, cooking, home improvement projects, and traveling to new places.

b. Triangle Transportation Choices Program: Equity & Inclusion Pilot

Presenters: Shuchi Gupta, Senior Planner & Equity Partners

Potential Action: None – Informational Only

Shuchi Gupta, Senior Planner, introduced the Triangle Transportation Choices Program: Equity & Inclusion Pilot, a transportation demand management (TDM) grant program administered by CPRC. This provides funding on an annual basis for traditional (established) local and regional TDM programs, innovative projects, and equity-based initiatives to encourage Triangle residents and workers to use alternative transportation modes, including but not limited to carpooling, vanpooling, transit, biking, walking, teleworking, flexible work hours, and compressed workweeks.

Charles McCall, from Southeast Raleigh Promise, a small nonprofit and community initiative to end the cycle of intergenerational poverty

presented on their participation in the program. He shared that many people in the area were using personal vehicles, but they are encouraging residents to bike and walk through education and awareness about alternative transportation modes. Southeast Raleigh Promise is looking at reaching the 55+ age group to educate this group on ways they can navigate the area.

Tashana Gaskins from Arise Collection, a nonprofit organization in Wake County that provides services for women who are housed in North Carolina prisons and women returning from prison presented on their efforts. Over 2,300 women are currently housed in North Carolina prisons. This grant provides safe and viable congregant transportation options among the formerly incarcerated women in Wake County, primarily those in Arise Collective's Women's Reentry Project, but to extend to women in other transition homes throughout the area. Many of these women have appointments they have to attend and need transportation to those appointments. They have decreased single occupancy rideshare trips by almost 50% since the inception of the funding. They have also introduced bike riding as a transportation option. They plan to promote safe walking, biking, bus, carpooling, vanpooling, car sharing, etc. in Fiscal Year 2024.

The final presenter was Jared Harber, Executive Director at Oaks and Spokes, an advocacy organization centered around cycling for fun and for transportation. They provide free bike donations and bike repairs at four quarterly events in partnership with the US Committee of Refugees and Immigrants. Oaks & Spokes collaborates with community organizations and businesses for quarterly events. They aim to empower individuals in need of reliable transportation, particularly among immigrants and refugees served by USCRI. Things they learned through this project: Bikes are still seen as toys for fun and for kids, however they'd like to get in front of more adults who could benefit from these services. For Fiscal Year 2024 they plan to work with Oak City Cares, a homeless resource center, to promote biking as a transportation option. They plan to provide locks, lights, helmets, and other cycling accessories as well.

There was a fourth presenter who couldn't be present, but the video will be shared with the Board after the meeting (Black Girls Do Bike). The presenter could not attend due to a conflict but prepared this video specifically for this meeting. Board Members were encouraged to watch the video once it's sent out.

Delegate Bill Carver asked about mental health and reentry from prisons. Ms. Gaskins shared that mental health services are not provided in-house, but they do collaborate with other service providers.

Delegate Ken Marshburn asked Ms. Gaskins if there was an average length of stay in the program before women are able to become stable. Ms. Gaskins shared that there are three levels of housing in which individuals can progress through before they leave the system.

Delegate Kathleen Ferguson asked Ms. Gaskins if/how they are following rapid rehousing and best practices. Ms. Gaskins responded that they rent houses from landlords in Wake County.

Chair Freeman requested that questions be focused more on transit and mobility and the program presented.

Delegate Brett Gantt asked what Mr. Harber's experience is with providing advocacy for bikes as well as repairs. Mr. Harber responded that Oaks & Spokes doesn't focus on policy/lobbying, but rather outreach, education, awareness. They do run into some issues with NCDOT state-maintained roads. They have a great relationship with the City of Raleigh (where they mainly work).

Delegate Butch Lawter asked about piloting an equity portion of project prioritization and if will CPRC be involved in that. Ms. Gupta stated that we have been involved in that process. Mr. Plachcinski shared that they could use this plan to implement more programs like these.

Chair Freeman wanted to know if the steering committee is an ongoing committee. Ms. Gupta shared that it was a standing committee. The grant is an annual grant but is very strong and stable. The grant has been around since 2008 but the equity portion was new this year.

Lee Worsley, CPRC Executive Director, commended Ms. Gupta for pursuing this project and how it underscores CPRC's Organizational Principle of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Mr. Worsley thanked each of the presenters for their time and presentation.

4. Business

6:45 pm

- a. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Nominating Committee Slate and Election of Central Pines Regional Council Board Officers
Presenter: Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, Immediate Past Chair
Potential Action: It is recommended that the Board receive this report, open the floor for additional nominations, and consider approval of the recommended slate.

Immediate Past Chair Kathleen Ferguson presented the slate of officers for the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Ferguson shared a little bit about the nominating process to give perspective on how officers were chosen. Ms. Ferguson

recommended that we refer to the office of Secretary-Treasurer as Secretary since the officers do not handle money. Mr. Worsley noted that in CPRC's Charter, the office is officially referred to as Secretary-Treasurer. Officer nominations are as follows:

Chair: Butch Lawter, Johnston County

1st Vice-Chair: Brett Gantt, Town of Apex

2nd Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary-Treasurer: Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen

Immediate Past Chair: DeDreana Freeman, City of Durham

Delegate Ferguson asked that the Board accept the slate of officers, however, to offer the floor for nominations. Chair Freeman opened the floor for nominations. Delegate Donald Rains officially nominated Butch Lawter, Johnston County, for Chair. Delegate Donald Rains officially nominated Brett Gantt, Town of Apex for 1st Vice-Chair. There is an opening for 2nd Vice-Chair, however no nominations were offered. Delegate Rains nominated Wilma Laney for Secretary-Treasurer.

Action:

Motion made by Delegate Ken Marshburn.

Motion seconded by Delegate Bob Smith.

Ms. Keegan facilitated a roll call vote.

Vote: The Board unanimously voted to approve the proposed slate of officers.

New Past Chair Freeman officially turned the gavel over to New Chair Butch Lawter. Mr. Lawter shared that it was an honor to serve in this position, and the relationships he's built over the years with this group have meant a lot.

b. Resolution Honoring the Life of Jane Hogeman

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Resolution #2023-08-01

Mr. Worsley acknowledged the life of Board Alternate Jane Hogeman by recommending that the Board adopt a Resolution of Sympathy. He shared information on how involved and engaged Ms. Hogeman was and how she wanted the best for Pinehurst and Moore County.

Delegate Jeff Morgan, Village of Pinehurst, thanked the Board for honoring Ms. Hogeman. Delegate Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen, also shared how much she appreciated Ms. Hogeman and her contributions.

Chair Lawter read the Resolution aloud and noted that it would be added to the Consent Agenda.

- c. Adoption of Chatham County Urgent Repair Program Policies
Presenter: Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic Development Director
Potential Action: Consider adopting as part of the consent agenda
Resolution #2023-08-02 approving the Chatham County URP Program Policies

Lindsay Whitson shared details about the Chatham County Urgent Repair Program Policies. These two policies provide an overview of the program, who is eligible, and processes, as well as the procurement process and making sure we are compliant in administering these funds.

Ms. Whitson noted two changes that had been made since the agenda packet was distributed.

Delegate Bill Carver inquired more about how the funding worked. Mr. Worsley clarified that Chatham County asked CPRC to administer the funds on their behalf.

Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman asked if there was a vetting process before repairs are done. Ms. Whitson shared that Jack Watson, Housing Planner, works with applicants on eligibility. Ms. Freeman noted that it was refreshing to see that homes with potential lead hazards are being addressed.

Chair Lawter noted that this item will be added to the Consent Agenda.

- d. FY23-24 Budget Amendment
Presenter: Hope Tally, Chief Finance Officer
Potential Action: Consider adopting as part of the consent agenda
Resolution #2023-08-03 approving Budget Amendment #2

Hope Tally, Chief Finance Officer, reviewed Budget Amendment #2 with the Board. There are 4 new projects, all of which are noted in the agenda packet. Ms. Tally explained some changes to current project funding, specifically regarding DCHC MPO joining CPRC.

Chair Lawter noted that this item would be added to the Consent Agenda.

5. Consent

7:10 pm

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: May 24, 2023

- b. Resolution #2023-08-01: Recognition of Life of Jane Hogeman, Village of Pinehurst
- c. Resolution #2023-08-02: Adoption of Chatham County Urgent Repair Program Policies
- d. Resolution #2023-08-03: FY23-24 Budget Amendment #2

Chair Lawter 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 with amendments as noted
 Motion made by Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman.
 Motion seconded by Delegate Kathleen Ferguson.
 Ms. Keegan facilitated a roll call vote and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda 7:15 pm

7. Public Hearings

8. Executive Director's Report 7:20 pm

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

Mr. Worsley thanked Past Chair Freeman for her support and her work throughout the year. We will be sure to recognize her at the October Board of Delegates meeting. He also thanked the Town of Apex for hosting the past few meetings while CPRC's office was being renovated. The next CPRC Executive Committee Meeting and Board Meeting will be held at the CPRC Office.

Mr. Worsley gave an update on the CPRC office renovations. CPRC received a Certificate of Occupancy on August 1. Contractors have partially installed AV/IT equipment. The furniture should be installed next week. Branding and graphics will be installed the first week of September. Open House for staff will be September 12 and CPRC offices will be open to the public at that time. Demolition of the front suite (Suite 130) will begin September 13. When completed, this suite will hold the large board room. This work is scheduled to be done by mid-November. Board of Delegates meeting will be shifted to the large board room in January. It is anticipated that the January Board of Delegates meeting will be the official Ribbon Cutting with Board photos and we will have an open house for everyone.

CPRC is currently in the transition phase of the rebrand. Several staff members are modeling new shirts. CPRC is transitioning email and website

to centralpinesnc.gov on September 12. Mr. Worsley stated that he thinks CPRC will be the first regional council to have a .gov domain in the nation. The .org domain has led people to believe CPRC is a nonprofit.

Mr. Worsley introduced Tyler Queen, CPRC's NC Lead Fellow through the UNC School of Government. He is a recent graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and is working 4 days a week in Micro supporting them with the work they are doing. Mr. Worsley commended Micro Delegate Garcia and their Council for the improvements they are making in Micro.

9. Chair's Report 7:25 pm

a. Chair's Report

Presenter: Board Chair

Potential Action: None - Receive as Information

Ms. Freeman thanked Mr. Lawter for taking on the office of Chair. She also thanked CPRC staff for their support this past year.

10. Around the Region 7:30 pm

a. Around the Region Reports/Updates

Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

Chair Lawter asked for reports.

Delegate Rebecca Salmon, Sanford shouted out their partnership with Pittsboro for working regionally. They signed a historic utility merger agreement in which the City of Sanford and Pittsboro Utilities are now one. This will benefit residents of both municipalities. She stated that their participation with TJCOG/CPRC helped build bridges to help them move forward with this project. She stated that regionalism is an amazing thing and can really work.

Delegate Jeff Morgan, Pinehurst shared that they had a water scare this past week. Residents were asked by the County to boil water because of possible contamination. Fortunately, there was no contamination. This reiterated the importance of working regionally on water issues and making sure we are communicating well. It's also important to assess the growth and demands of water systems. He also brought up the issue of casinos in the area, and finally thanked the Board for the acknowledgement of Jane Hogeman.

Delegate Larry Loucks, Zebulon shared that they just hit 10,000 citizens.

Alternate Delegate Steve Rao, Morrisville mentioned Morrisville has won a lot of national awards for Smart Cities. He also shared that Major League Cricket is becoming a big thing in Morrisville. In July, Morrisville hosted the

Major League Cricket championship, hosting 4,000 people. They are now being considered for the World Cup. Mr. Rao encouraged everyone to come out and watch.

Delegate Brett Gantt, Apex shared that NCDOT is working with several municipalities on the S-Line rail project, in hopes of making it a commuter rail. The next phase of the study will be around sites and applicability of sites. This project gives Apex great ideas for planning around their Downtown area.

Delegate Bob Smith, Angier shared that he will not be running again, after serving 11 years on the Board, 4 as Mayor.

Delegate Bill Carver, Lee County shared his appreciation for the grant assistance program. He said CPRC staff went above and beyond to answer his questions about the program.

Delegate Ken Marshburn, Garner shared that he will not be seeking reelection as Mayor, after serving 16 years, 4 years as Mayor. He hopes to spend more time with his grandchildren who live out of state.

Delegate Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough said that the Town has formally adopted a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan. They are in the process of evaluating structure, water, and sewer. September 15-16 will be Hog Day. All proceeds are shared with nonprofits.

Delegate Don Rains, Princeton stated that the Town's top priority remains water and sewer. Mr. Rains shared that Johnston County and the municipalities in Johnston County are discussing a Water and Sewer authority with CPRC's assistance. He commended the Town of Micro for the work they are doing.

Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman, City of Durham commended Duke Energy for being on top of getting the storm damage cleaned up from last week. They are a city of 300,000 now. She also shared that if you have buildings that have multiple levels with elevators, make sure generators work in the event of power outages. People who cannot use stairs need a way to escape.

Delegate Katy Garcia, Micro wanted to come in person to meet everyone face to face and thank CPRC for their support of Micro. Their community building has been in disrepair, now being rehabilitated thanks to CPRC.

Chair Butch Lawter, Johnston County mentioned that there is a lot happening with water and sewer. They recently achieved a AAA bond rating by S&P. He discussed the many staff hours from Johnston County

staff needed to achieve the improved rating. They passed their land use plan update, the last one was 2011. They are in the midst of a transportation plan update. Mr. Lawter acknowledged the work that the staff at CPRC do to support the towns, cities, and counties represented by CPRC.

Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman also mentioned that she has entered the race for Mayor of Durham.

11. Other Business **7:45 pm**

- a. Other Business
Presenter: Chair

12. Adjournment **7:50 pm**

- a. Adjourn the Meeting
Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Delegate Kathleen Ferguson.

Motion seconded by Immediate Past Chair DeDreana Freeman.

Vote – Unanimous

Duly adopted this 25 day of October, 2023 while in regular session.

R. S. Lawter, Jr.
Board Chair

ATTEST:

Beth Davis
Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council