



Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hybrid

Central Pines Regional Council
4307 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
Sheveil Harmon, Angier
Ashley Strickland, Angier (A)
Brett Gantt, Apex
Jerry Medlin, Benson
Jennifer Robinson, Cary
Heidi Carter, Durham County
Bryan Haynes, Fuquay-Varina
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough
Matt Hughes, Hillsborough (A)
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs
Timothy Forrest, Holly Springs (A)
Butch Lawter, Johnston County
Bill Carver, Lee County
Katy Garcia, Micro
Jean Hamilton, Orange County
Sally Greene, Orange County (A)
Jeff Morgan, Pinehurst
Stacy Johnson, Princeton
Ronnie Currin, Rolesville
Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, Sanford
Byron McAllister, Selma
Andy Moore, Smithfield
Susan Evans, Wake County
Nick Sliwinski, Wake Forest
Joe DeLoach, Wendell
David McGowan, Wilson's Mills
Shannon Baxter, Zebulon

CPRC Staff Attending:

Alana Keegan, Local Government
Services Director

Beth Davis, Member Engagement
Coordinator
Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience
Director
Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive
Director
Lindsay Whitson, Community &
Economic Development Director
Hunter Fillers, Housing Program
Manager
Ellen Davis, Community Development
AmeriCorps Service Member
Melissa Lowell, Chatham County Street
Outreach Coordinator
Jack Watson, Housing Planner
Jenisha Henneghan, Area Agency on
Aging Director
Tammy Russell, Administrative Support
Specialist

Guests Attending:

Joshua Hearne, Danville Regional
Foundation
Allie Card, North Carolina Coalition to
End Homelessness
Ryan Smith, City of Durham, Director
Meredith Yuckman, Hope Center at
Pullen
Laurel Benfield, North Carolina Coalition
to End Homelessness

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order and Welcome
Official: Butch Lawter, Chair
- b. Roll Call
Beth Davis, Member Engagement Coordinator

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

Chair Butch Lawter called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and reviewed the process for hybrid meetings. Beth Davis, Member Engagement Coordinator, completed Roll Call and it was determined there was a quorum present at the meeting.

2. Review of Agenda

- a. Review of Agenda
Official: Butch Lawter, Chair
Potential Action: Chair Lawter will approve
Action: Chair Lawter declared that the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Public Hearings

- a. Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Public Hearing
Presenter: Lindsay Whitson, CPRC, Community & Economic Development Director, and Hunter Fillers, CPRC, Housing Program Manager

Chair Lawter asked Lindsay Whitson, CPRC Community & Economic Development Director to present this item. Central Pines Regional Council is submitting a Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) grant proposal to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department. The proposal is focused on planning, engagement, and preservation efforts for manufactured housing in a 12-county region. Ms. Whitson reviewed the details of this grant application.

Chair Lawter opened the public hearing. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

4. Presentations and Recognitions

- a. Confronting Housing Insecurity: Insights on Vulnerable Populations and Strategies for Support
Presenter: Joshua Hearne, Danville Regional Foundation (DRF), Senior Program Officers; Allie Card, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, Project Specialist; Lindsay Whitson, CPRC, Community & Economic Development Director; Hunter Fillers, CPRC, Housing Program Manager; Ryan Smith, City of Durham, Director, Community Safety Department; Meredith Yuckman, Hope Center at Pullen, Executive Director; Laurel Benfield, Project Specialist; Melissa Lowell, CPRC, Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator

Chair Lawter asked Lindsay Whitson, CPRC Community & Economic Development Director to present this item. Joshua Hearne with the Danville Regional Foundation provided opening remarks, sharing that “folks need a place to stay,” and they also need people who care.

Ms. Whitson then shared some state and national trends and data regarding homelessness.

Allie Card and Laurel Benfield, Project Specialists with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, spoke on the Balance of State Continuum of Care, which covers 79 counties in North Carolina.

Next, Delegate Kathleen Ferguson facilitated a panel discussion on housing insecurity and homelessness. Panelists included Meredith Yuckman, Executive Director at The Hope Center at Pullen, Ryan Smith, Community Safety Director with City of Durham, Hunter Fillers, CPRC Housing Program Manager, and Melissa Lowell, Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator.

5. Business

a. 2024-2028 Area Plan on Aging

Presenter: Jenisha Henneghan, Area Agency on Aging Director

Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

Jenisha Henneghan reviewed the Area Plan on Aging with the Board.

The Area Plan on Aging focuses on the strategic work of Central Pines Area Agency on Aging and its partners, which is mandated by the Older Americans Act (OAA) requirements. The 2024- 2028 Area Plan will guide the work of the AAA over the next four years. This plan outlines the AAA's commitment to address the diverse needs of aging adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers across our region. Guided by advocacy, partnership efforts, and the principles of the State Aging Plan on Advancing Equity in Aging, the plan focuses on six key areas:

1. Safety, Protection, and Advocacy
2. Healthy Aging/Quality of Life
3. Housing and Homelessness
4. Caregiving Support and Workforce Development
5. Long-term Preparedness Planning
6. Advancing Equity and Reframing Aging.

The goals are guided by the North Carolina State Aging Plan and are intended to encompass the needs and desires of this region's aging adults and adults with disabilities.

- b. Nominating Committee Report for CPRC Officers
Presenter: Kathleen Ferguson, Nominating Committee Chair
Potential Action: Consider recommendations of the Nominations Committee and solicit any nominations from the floor

Chair Lawter thanked everyone who stepped up and agreed to serve in the coming year. Nominating Committee Chair Kathleen Ferguson presented the Board with the following slate of officers for CPRC FY24-25.

Proposed Slate of Officers

Chair: Brett Gantt

1st Vice Chair: Randee Haven O'Donnell

2nd Vice Chair: Susan Evans

Secretary/Treasurer: Byron McAllister

Chair Lawter opened the floor for any additional nominations. There were no additional nominations made.

This item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

- c. Recommended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
Presenter: Lee Worsley, CPRC Executive Director
Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

Executive Director Lee Worsley presented the recommended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to the Board.

On April 26, 2024, 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 its May 1, 2024, meeting, the executive committee received a detailed budget overview. The required Public Hearing was also held at that time. No comments were received during the public hearing.

The CPRC Officers met on May 13, 2024, to discuss the budget further and any input received during the Executive Committee meeting. No changes to the Executive Director's recommended budget have been requested.

The Board of Delegates was asked to consider adopting the Budget Resolution and the Fiscal year 2024- 2025 Pay and Classification Plan during this meeting as a part of the consent agenda. A full version of the budget may be viewed on CPRC's website.

- d. Draft Central Pines Regional Council Bylaw Changes
Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: Consider recommendation and allow time for discussion

Executive Director Lee Worsley presented recommended bylaw changes to the Board.

The Town of Chapel Hill's Board meetings directly conflict with the Board of Delegate and Executive Committee meetings of CPRC. This has been occurring for about five years, and as a result, Chapel Hill has not been able to have a Delegate present for meetings. Chapel Hill Mayor Jess Anderson has requested that former Chapel Hill Board member Michael Parker sit as Chapel Hill's representative. There is an understanding that Mr. Parker would not have voting rights, but the mayor desires that Chapel Hill be at the table.

Executive Director Lee Worsley has discussed the matter with the Board Officers, who are supportive of this very narrow exception, and asked that a revision to the Bylaws be drafted to address this specific, narrow issue. The items were presented to the Executive Committee on February 28, 2024, and generated significant discussion.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Delegates approve the draft recommendations by a vote of eight (8) for and four (4) against. Since the bylaws were reviewed by the Executive Committee, a recommended budget has been released with a recommended change in member dues. The draft bylaws also reflect the recommended dues rates.

The bylaw revisions have been reviewed by the CPRC Attorney. The revision would only allow for a non-delegate representative to be appointed if meetings of the local government's governing body directly conflict with CPRC's Board and Executive Committee meetings.

Several questions were asked to clarify the reasoning behind the changes.

Action: Adoption of recommended bylaw changes

Motion: Jennifer Robinson

Second: Ron Currin

Ms. Davis facilitated a roll call vote, and the motion carried 22 votes yes, 2 votes no.

6. 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: January 24, 2024

- b. 2024-2028 Area Plan on Aging
- c. Recommended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget – Resolution 2024-05-02

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 Amended Consent Agenda (removal of Item D, Central Pines Regional Council Bylaw Changes)

Motion: Kathleen Ferguson

Second: Ronnie Currin

Ms. Davis facilitated a roll call vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

8. Executive Director's Report

- a. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

Mr. Worsley shared a thank you from Delegate Steve Rao to everyone who attended the Artificial Intelligence Summit that was held. Mr. Rao said it was the best-run, professional virtual meeting he'd ever seen.

In August, the Carolina Hurricanes and hockey in the Triangle is the scheduled topic for the Board. This will include information on how to partner with local governments.

9. Chair's Report

- a. Chair's Report

Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair

Chair Lawter thanked everyone for their participation in the Board, along with all the staff.

10. Other Business

- a. Other Business

Presenter: Butch Lawter, Chair

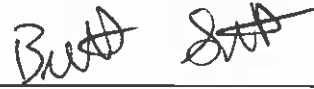
11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourn the Meeting

Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

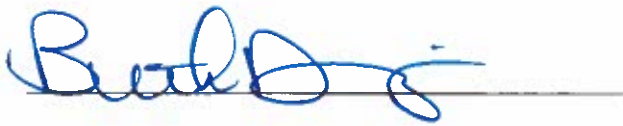
With there being nothing further, the Chair Lawter adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Duly adopted this 28th day of August 2024 while in regular session.



Brett Gantt
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Beth Davis
Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council