



**Central Pines Regional Council
Executive Committee Special Meeting**
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
4:00 – 5:30 pm | Virtual
Chair Brett Gantt, Presiding

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen
Brett Gantt, Town of Apex
Ranee Haven O'Donnell, Town of
Carrboro
Dr. Mike Lee, Durham County
Butch Lawter, Johnston County
Jean Hamilton, Orange County
Pamela Baldwin, Town of Pittsboro
Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, City of Sanford
Byron McAllister, Town of Selma
Susan Evans, Wake County

Lindsay Whitson, Community &
Economic Development Director
Thomas McCallister, Housing &
Community Development Coordinator
Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Hope Tally, Chief Finance Officer
Beth Seidel, Member Engagement
Coordinator

CPRC Staff Attending:

Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive
Director

Guests:

Ron Radloff, US Flue Cured Tobacco
Growers
George Keller, Customs Advisory
Services, Inc.

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order and Welcome
Official: Brett Gantt, Chair

- b. Roll Call

- c. Declaration of Quorum
Official: Brett Gantt, Chair

Chair Brett Gantt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and went over housekeeping information. He reminded everyone about the virtual meeting guidelines. Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board, called roll and a quorum was met.

2. Review of Agenda

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Official: Brett Gantt

Chair Gantt approved the agenda.

3. Business

- a. Foreign Trade Zone Sponsorship Request – US Flue Cured Tobacco Growers

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: Consideration of Executive Director Recommendations

Mr. Worsley reviewed information on Foreign Trade Zone #93 and gave a brief history on how FTZ #93 was established and the role Central Pines has in administering the program. He also gave an overview of US Flue Cured Tobacco Growers and what they were asking for in their application. Mr. Worsley went over the previous meeting's actions regarding this particular applicant. He reviewed the motion that was made and the response to the questions that were asked of staff at that meeting.

Mr. Worsley shared information on a previous applicant that is similar to US Flue Cured Tobacco Growers, and how any action taken will affect past decisions.

Four recommendations were shared with the Executive Committee which included:

- **Recommendation 1:** Approve Resolution 2025-01-01, endorsing the FTZ Sponsorship application for US Flue Cured Tobacco Growers.
- **Recommendation 2:** Provide direction to staff on drafting changes to the Zone Schedule to prohibit future applications for companies that store tobacco-based products.
- **Recommendation 3:** Direct the Foreign Trade Zone Board to conduct an annual review of the FTZ #93 Zone Schedule.
- **Recommendation 4:** Direct staff to review and refine the FTZ sponsorship consideration process for FTZ #93.

Several Executive Committee members gave comments and asked questions for clarification on some of the recommendations. After some discussion, the following action was taken:

Action: Approve recommendations 1, 3, and 4

Motion: Delegate Byron McAllister

Second: Delegate Butch Lawter

Vote: Motion passed 9 yes, 1 no

Action: Deny recommendation 2

Motion: Delegate Byron McAllister

Second: Delegate Susan Evans

Vote:

After some discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

4. Consent

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

- a. Budget Amendment 3, Resolution #2025-01-02
- b. Deputy Finance Officer Resolution #2025-01-03

Action: Adoption of Consent Agenda as presented

Motion: Delegate Randee Haven O'Donnell

Second: Delegate Wilma Laney

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

5. Other Business

- a. Other Business
Presenter: Brett Gantt

6. Adjournment

- a. Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Duly adopted this 26th day of February 2025 while in regular session.



Brett Gantt
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Beth Davis
Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council