

**CROSS PLAINS RURAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 17, 2014
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room
4309 Jacksboro Highway - Wichita Falls, Texas 76302**

Voting Members

Gary Beesinger, Archer County Judge, CPRTC Chairman
Woodrow Gossom, Wichita County Judge, CPRTC Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Liggett, Clay County Judge
Greg Tyra, Wilbarger County Judge
Linda Rogers, Baylor County Judge
John Bullock, Young County Judge
Howard Raeke, Mayor, City of Henrietta
Jeff Bearden, Mayor, City of Vernon
Toby Hines, Mayor, City of Seymour
Curtis Warner, Mayor, City of Electra
James Yohe, Proxy for Mayor Robert Fenoglio, City of Nocona
Mike Whaley, Proxy for Mayor Carl Law, City of Burkburnett
Larry Panell, Proxy for Mayor Curtis Warner, City of Electra
Sam Bownds, City Administrator, Lakeside City
Al Smith, Cooke County Commissioner

Other Participants

Jennifer Foster, for Senator Duncan
Jennifer Smith, for Senator Estes
Mike Lytle, for Congressman Mac Thornberry
Jim Johnson, Rep. James Frank, Chief of Staff
Jennifer Vogel, for Rep. Drew Springer
Joe Gambill, Nortex Regional Planning Commission
Bill Goodson, Mayor, City of Whitewright
David Trout, Texoma COG
Susan Thomas, Texoma COG
Creta L. Carter, Fannin County Judge
Janis Crawley, City of Bowie EDC
John McGregor, Clay County
Leon Klement, Cooke County
Gordon Smith, City of Burkburnett

TxDOT Staff

Larry Tegtmeyer, P.E., District Engineer
Danny Brown, P.E., Director of TP&D
Mike Beaver, P.E., Design Engineer
Allan Moore, P.E., Director of Construction
Mike Hallum, P.E., Gainesville Area Engineer
David Rohmer, P.E., Wichita Falls Area Engineer
Zachary Husen, P.E., Graham Area Engineer
Ben Coker, PIO, TxDOT Design
Tammy Marlow, TPP-MPO Coordination
Aaron Bloom, P.E., Sherman Area Engineer
Tommy Henderson, P.E., Sherman Asst. Area Engineer
Donna Porter, Construction auditor
TJ Herrell, P.E., Traffic Engineer

The Cross Plains Rural Transportation Council (CPRTC) met at the Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room on April 17, 2014. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** – Judge Gary Beesinger, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the quarterly CPRTC Meeting.

2. **Self Introductions** – Introductions were made around the room.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of CPRTC minutes from the October 17, 2013 meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as documented and the motion carried.

5. **Topics**

- County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program – Allan Moore, P.E., Director of Construction, TxDOT

Allan Moore presented information about the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. He informed the council that while the agreements have been sent to counties and are available for completion, counties should wait to send the agreements until TxDOT can add information to the agreements and mail/email the agreements to the counties.

Allan went through the steps of filling out Certification forms 1,2 and 3 for the CTIFG Program and answered questions concerning submitting the agreements and forms to TxDOT to enable counties to spend grant money.

Larry Tegtmeyer clarified with Allan how TxDOT would handle the mailing of the agreements to the counties along with a time frame of when to expect the agreements and further information.

Woody Gossom noted that the Wichita County Attorney found two clauses within the agreement that may be contrary to restraints in the Constitution of the State of Texas. Larry Tegtmeyer asked Allan to coordinate with Judge Gossom to get the county attorney and TxDOT attorney together to discuss the issue.

Allan addressed Judge Gossom's concern over an agreement article noting the use of Historically Underutilized Businesses.

Larry Tegtmeyer stated that TxDOT's goal is help counties through the grant process and not make things difficult on the counties to get their money spent.

Several judges asked about TxDOT's material testing requirements and asked for clarification on whether existing county practices/policies would be sufficient to satisfy material testing requirements in the agreement. Judge Gossom asked for a show of hands for counties that have a written material testing policy. No hands were raised. Larry Tegtmeyer stated that whatever counties have done in the past to ensure quality should satisfy the requirements of the grant program.

Larry Tegtmeyer stated his expectation of Allan Moore is that every county in the Wichita Falls District is happy with this program.

- **Statewide Transportation Infrastructure Program map–Danny Brown, P.E., TP&D Director, TxDOT**
Danny Brown discussed the STIP and why it exists. Al Smith asked if projects such as I-35 and US 82 should be on the list. Danny reiterated that those projects are further out than the 4 years covered on the STIP list.

Judge Beesinger

- Wichita Falls District Area Engineers provided an update and answered questions on the active projects in their areas:

David Rohmer, P.E., Wichita Falls Area Engineer
Mike Hallum, P.E., Gainesville Area Engineer
Zach Husen, P.E., Graham Area Engineer

6. Other Business – Judge Beesinger – How can CPRTC be better?

Judge Beesinger asked for the group to consider ways CPRTC can improve and get better. A graphic was displayed on the projector screen with a series of questions/topics for the group to consider.

Judge Beesinger opened the floor to legislative updates from aides of State Representatives James Frank, Robert Duncan and Drew Springer, State Senator Craig Estes and U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry.

James Yohe asked if TxDOT could email CPRTC members about public meetings like the TIP/STIP instead of the notifications just being in newspapers.

Al Smith asked the group to consider whether enough attention was being paid to East/West roads in the prioritization process.

Judge Beesinger encouraged the group to submit projects to TxDOT in advance of the prioritization. Judge Liggett suggested projects be submitted to TXDOT 3 weeks in advance of the voting meeting.

Al Smith told visiting Texoma COG members that a strong Wichita Falls TxDOT District was essential to the success of CPRTC.

Greg Tyra suggested a meeting happen a month prior to the prioritized voting meeting to submit/discuss potential projects.

Judge Beesinger asked the group for meeting topics for the July 2014 meeting and if there was anything that should be added to the “Can We be Better” list.

Whitewright Mayor Bill Goodson thanked CPRTC members for inviting Texoma COG members to the meeting. He said he would like to see a similar group in his area to help people stay informed on projects in their area.

Spanky Carter, Fannin County Judge, asked how long CPRTC had been together. Danny Brown told TCOG about information about CPRTC on TxDOT.Gov.

Susan Thomas, Texoma COG, says when the Texoma COG was being organized, she was told that CPRTC would be a good group to model their efforts after. She stated she was impressed by the participation of various local government entities and TxDOT cooperating.

- 7. Next Meeting Date -** Thursday, July 17, 2014
Thursday, October 16, 2014

8. Topics for Next Meeting

- Follow-up discussion of the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program from TxDOT WFS District Director of Construction Allan Moore.

Judge Beesinger announced October 16, 2014 would be his final CPRTC meeting and asked the group to think about who his replacement might be as chairman.

- 9. Adjourned** at 11:34 a.m.