

Minutes
Centralina Council of Governments
Board of Delegates
Wednesday, August 8, 2007

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Jurisdictions Not Represented</u>	
Anson	Jarvis Woodburn	Albemarle	Marvin
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Badin	Matthews
China Grove	Allen Welter	Belmont	McAdenville
Gaston County	Joe Carpenter	Cabarrus County	Mint Hill
Gastonia	Dale Burkett	Charlotte	Misenheimer
Granite Quarry	Bill Feathers	Cherryville	Mooresville
High Shoals	Claude Crain	Cleveland	Morven
Landis	James Furr	Conrad	Mount Holly
Lincoln County	Marie Moore	Cornelius	Norwood
Marshville	Frank Deese	Cramerton	Oakboro
Mecklenburg County	Jennifer Roberts	Dallas	Pineville
Midland	John Crump	Davidson	Ranlo
Mineral Springs	Valerie Coffey	East Spencer	Richfield
Monroe	Dottie Nash	Fairview	Rockwell
Mount Pleasant	Maura Eberhardt	Faith	Rowan County
New London	Calvin Gaddy	Harmony	Salisbury
Peachland	Steven Garris	Harrisburg	Spencer Mountain
Spencer	Nick Bishop	Hemby Bridge	Stanfield
Stallings	Wyatt Dunn	Huntermville	Stanley
Union County	Lanny Openshaw	Indian Trail	Statesville
Unionville	Edd Little	Iredell County	Troutman
Waxhaw	Gary Underwood	Kannapolis	Wadesboro
		Kings Mountain	Weddington
		Landis	Wesley Chapel
		Lincoln County	Wingate
		Lincolnton	
		Locust	
		Lowell	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Bill McNair, Centralina's Attorney, verified that a quorum was not present. Action Items will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval at their meeting on September 12, 2007.

2. Amendments to the Agenda

Amendments if any to the Agenda, will be approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting on September 12, 2007.

3. Report of Service Agreements

The agenda contained a list of agreements entered into with member governments since March 27, 2007. Under these agreements, staff will provide contract assistance to the member government. This was information only. No action was required.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The April 11, 2007 minutes will be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee at their meeting on September 12, 2007.

5. **Presentation of the Carolina Thread Trail Progress Report**

Ann Browning, Project Director for the Carolina Thread Trail, presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the information on a new initiative for building a regional network of interconnected trails and greenways. The Carolina Thread Trail is sponsored by the Foundation for the Carolinas with support from the Catawba Land Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land and other community groups including Centralina Council of Governments. They are reaching out to the leadership in our communities to inform them of the project and to recruit participation for upcoming capital campaigns. On November 9, 2007, the Carolina Thread Trail will formally announce their project and begin the capital campaigns. They are seeking our support and input.

6. **Proposed EPA Ozone Standards**

Rebecca Yarbrough reported on the proposed new Ground-Level Ozone Standards and the formal comment period from the EPA.

Mrs. Yarbrough informed the Board that seven of Centralina's nine counties are currently in the process of demonstrating attainment of EPA's current standards. If the new standards are adopted, additional counties may be in non-attainment.

Centralina will collect comments from member governments on the proposed ozone standards through September 17, 2007. Comments should be sent to Barbie Blackwell at bblackwell@centralina.org or fax her at 704-347-4710. Comments received by August 22nd will be compiled and presented at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 12, 2007.

7. **Presentation of the New CONNECT Website**

Centralina and Catawba Regional COGs have collaborated over the past 18 months on the Carolinas-Charlotte CONNECT, the regional vision for the Greater Charlotte Bi-State Region.

Rebecca Yarbrough presented the newly launched, Centralina and Catawba Regional CONNECT website, www.cogsCONNECT.org. It is an interactive website and will provide an opportunity for the region to focus and discuss regional growth and related issues, and to share best practices for preserving our quality of life.

8. **COG Fiscal Year 2008 Workforce Development Program – Incumbent Workforce Development Program Grant Approval**

David Hollars reported on the Incumbent Workforce Development Grants that will provide retraining and employment services for current employees. The retraining will increase efficiency, reduce production costs and provide a high skilled work force. He also reported that the Centralina Workforce Development Board received approval from the NC Department of Commerce for grants submitted on behalf of four local businesses:

- NGK Automotive Ceramics USA, Inc. in Mooresville, NC (Iredell County)
- Plastiflex, Inc. in Statesville, NC (Iredell County)
- JC Steele & Sons, Inc. in Statesville, NC (Iredell County)
- The Austin Company, Inc. in Yadkinville, NC (Yadkin County)

The total amount of the four grants (plus \$1,966 for COG Administration) is \$41,293.

The above grants require action and will be presented at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 12, 2007 for approval.

9. COG Fiscal Year 2008 Area Agency on Aging – Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Grant

Gayla Woody reported that the Area Agency on Aging received \$18,450 in grant funds for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) from the Administration on Aging which is administered through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (NCDAAS). The grant period will be August 2007 through May 2008 and will cover the cost of training for the master trainers through Stanford University CDSMP. The master trainer will provide the training for others to administer the training in the self-management program.

The grant requires action and will be presented at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 12, 2007 for approval.

10. Senior Community Service Employment Program – Fiscal Year 2008 Allocation

Gayla Woody reported the allocations for the FY 2008 Senior Community Service Employment Program (Title V) had not been received until early June 2007. With Board permission, the Area Agency on Aging distributed the allocations and contracted services based on the funding formulas. The Area Agency on Aging also reported, a 21% increase in funds from the fiscal year 2007. The Area Agency on Aging received additional slots and funds from other parts of the state because of their excellent record in reaching the benchmarks for the program.

11. Comments by the Executive Director

The Executive Director announced the upcoming key events in our region:

- Form-Based Codes Seminar will be held on August 21, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City Café in Mount Holly, NC and hosted by the Centralina Planning Department.
- Summit on Growth will feature topics such as, “How to address challenges of fast growth” and “How will the growth affect schools, roads, and jobs” was held on September 20, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Convention Center in Concord, NC and will be hosted by Centralina Economic Development Commission.
- Centralina Area Agency on Aging Annual Conference, “The New World of Aging: Choices for Independence” will be held at the University United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC on October 18-19, 2007.
- The Planning Department will hold its Fall Training at the Levine Senior Center in Charlotte, NC on November 29, 2007. Contact Annette Lawing at (704) 372-2416 or alawing@centralina.org for more information.

12. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Note: The next meeting of the Board of Delegates is scheduled for December 12, 2007 at the Pine Island Country Club in Mecklenburg County.