

Minutes
Centralina Council of Governments
Board of Delegates
Wednesday, January 10, 2007

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Jurisdictions Not Represented</u>
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Anson County
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Cabarrus County
Belmont	Charlie Martin	Cleveland
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Cornelius
Charlotte	Patsy Kinsey	Dallas
Cherryville	Bob Austell	Davidson
China Grove	Allen Welter	Faith
Concord	Ella Mae Small	Gastonia
Cramerton	Ron Murphy	Harmony
East Spencer	Deloris High	Hemby Bridge
Fairview	Bill Thomas	High Shoals
Gaston County	Joe Carpenter	Huntersville
Granite Quarry	Mary Ponds	Kings Mountain
Harrisburg	Jack Roden	Locust
Indian Trail	Shirley Howe	Lowell
Iredell County	Ken Robertson	Marvin
Kannapolis	Bob Misenheimer	McAdenville
Landis	James Furr	Mineral Springs
Lincoln County	Marie Moore	Misenheimer
Lincolnton	Carroll Heavner	Morven
Marshville	Frank Deese	Mount Holly
Matthews	George Young	Oakboro
Mecklenburg County	Dumont Clarke	Pineville
Midland	John Crump	Ranlo
Mint Hill	Lloyd Austin	Rockwell
Monroe	Dottie Nash	Rowan County
Mooresville	Mitch Abraham	Salisbury
Mount Pleasant	Maura Eberhardt	Spencer Mountain
New London	Bill Peak	Stallings
Norwood	Henry Thompson	Stanfield
Peachland	Steve Garris	Union County
Richfield	Steven Morgan	Unionville
Spencer	Nick Bishop	Wadesboro
Stanley	Judith Johnson	Waxhaw
Stanly County	Dr. Nalin Metha	Wingate
Statesville	Costi Kutteh	
Troutman	Mike Spath	
Weddington	L. A. Smith	
Wesley Chapel	Brad Horvath	

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

3. Installation of 2007 Officers

The following officials were installed as officers for the calendar year 2006:

Chairman – Joe Carpenter (Gaston County)
Vice Chairman - Bob Misenheimer (Kannapolis)
Secretary – Bob Austell (Cherryville)
Treasurer – Marie Moore (Lincoln County)

4. Featured Speaker – Ellen Ruff, President - Duke Energy Carolinas

Ms. Ruff presented her perspective for the region's future and the approach to meeting our energy needs.

5. Recognition of “Coach” Joe White

Coach White has served as Chairman of the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition for 4 years. Coach White was recognized for his commitment and dedication to the Coalition in its growth from a fledgling organization to the official Department of Energy Clean Cities Program that it is today.

6. Presentation of Excellence Regional Awards

Centralina's Second Annual Region of Excellence Awards was presented. The awards were given to recognize innovative public service and our local government's commitment and dedication to excellence.

The awards were presented to:

Award Category: Excellence in Local Government Efficiency & Effectiveness
Jurisdiction: Stanly County
Dept./Program: Stanly County Central Permitting Office

Award Category: Excellence in Planning and Community Investment
Jurisdiction: Gaston County
Dept./Program: Queens Road/Queens Court Project

Award Category: Excellence in Economic Development
Jurisdiction: Town of Matthews
Dept./Program: Matthews Station Street Project

Award Category: Excellence in Economic Development
Jurisdiction: City of Kannapolis
Dept./Program: North Carolina Research Campus

Award Category: Excellence in Aging and Elderly Services
Jurisdiction: Town of Stanley
Dept./Program: Senior Citizen Contact Program

Award Category: Excellence in Environmental Planning and Conservation
Jurisdiction: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services
Dept./Program: Hidden Valley Ecological Garden Project

Award Category: Excellence in Clean Cities Initiatives
Jurisdiction: City of Concord
Dept./Program: Air Quality Awareness Program

7. *Report of Service Agreements (Information Only)*

The agenda contained a list of agreements entered into with member governments and other organizations since December 1, 2006. Under most agreements, staff will provide contract assistance to the member government. No action was required.

8. *Approval of Minutes*

Mitch Abraham made a motion to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes as written. James Furr seconded the motion. Passed.

9. *Regional Environmental Action Plan*

Item was deferred to the Executive Committee for the February meeting.

11. *Regional Visioning Plan*

A video “Connect: The Greater Charlotte Bi-State Regional Visioning Project” was viewed. The recommended “next steps” for CONNECT begin with appointment of a Regional Vision Council by the two Councils of Governments (Centralina and Catawba Regional in Rock Hill, SC). The role of the Regional Vision Council is to guide future development and implementation of the vision, as well as to promote the regional vision to additional interested publics. A second step will be to outreach to individual jurisdictions to share with them the document in an interactive process that helps to define their investment as part of the region and explore how the region can assist them in meeting their goals.

Martha Sue Hall made a motion to create the Regional Vision Council and authorize the Chairman, in collaboration with the Chairman of Catawba Regional COG, to appoint the members who will serve as the leadership team to inform and advance creation of a bi-state regional vision.

Ken Robertson stated he had read the report, and challenged others to read the report, and found the report to be void of specifics. Mr. Sharp stated the report should be used to build on adopted public policies. He also said that the report represents our homework and the next step will be action driven requiring the second installment of a 3-cent appropriation for Regional Planning. This would be the second year of a three year supplemental appropriation with a three-year sunset provision approved by the Board in February 2004. Jim Furr asked the Board to look at the report as an important regional matter.

Passed.

12. *Presentation of Staff Awards*

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to Centralina:

Hilda Keeney –	35 years
Rebecca Yarbrough –	28 years
Patricia White –	27 years
David Hollars –	23 years
Bill Duston –	22 years
Cynthia Winfield –	22 years
Mike McLaurin –	21 years
Gayla Woody –	21 years
Bob Henderson –	20 years
Shelley Williamson –	20 years

13. Comments by the Executive Director

Mr. Sharp presented an invitation to the Legislative Reception hosted by the North Carolina Regional Councils. The reception will be held January 31 at the Cardinal Club in Raleigh.

14. Requested Caucuses For Appointment To Executive Committee

The municipal delegates from Anson, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties were asked to caucus after the meeting to choose one to represent them on the Executive Committee during 2007. See attached listing of the 2007 Executive Committee appointments.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

2007 Executive Committee

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Anson County	County Municipalities	Jarvis T. Woodburn Steven Garris
Cabarrus County	County Municipalities	Coy Privette Bob Misenheimer
Gaston County	County Municipalities	Joe Carpenter Bob Austell
Iredell County	County Municipalities	Ken Robertson Mitch Abraham
Lincoln County	County Municipalities	Marie Moore Carroll Heavner
Mecklenburg County	County Municipalities Charlotte	Jennifer Roberts Lloyd Austin Patrick McCrory
Rowan County	County Municipalities	Chad Mitchell James Furr
Stanly County	County Municipalities	Dr. Nalin Metha Steven Morgan
Union County	County Municipalities	Lanny Openshaw Frank Deese