

**MINUTES**

- A. Due to a technical discrepancy in regard to the meeting password, Mr. Owen called the meeting to order at about 10:15 am.
- B. Introductions:
1. The following voting members & proxies were present \*Quorum (51%) = 6 (must include at least 3 elected officials)\*
    - I. Chris Polychron - Chamber of Commerce - Transportation Committee Chairman.
    - II. Darryl Mahoney - Garland County - County Judge.
    - III. Darryl Mahoney - Proxy for Dennis Thorn - Hot Spring County Judge.
    - IV. Jack Fields - Town of Fountain Lake - Mayor.
    - V. Mike Medica - Hot Spring Village - EX-POA Board Member.
    - VI. Pat McCabe - City of Hot Springs - Mayor.
    - VII. Ray Owen - Garland County - Justice of the Peace.
    - VIII. Sunny Farmahan - Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) - MPO Coordinator.
  2. There were no members of the press. The following Ex-Officio members and guests were present: Bill Burroughs - City of Hot Springs - City Manager. Dwayne Pratt - West Central Arkansas Planning & Development (WCAPDD). Emmily Tiampati - Tri-Lakes MPO - Study Director. Gary Troutman - Chamber of Commerce - President.
- C. Action (voting) Items
1. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Medica seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  2. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Farmahan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  3. Mr. Owen presented the draft UPWP for SFY 2021. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Polychron. The UPWP was approved unanimously.
  4. Mr. Owen gave a brief history of the Policy Board structure since the MPO's inception. Mr. Troutman gave an overview of his request as it pertained to the Chamber of Commerce and the Metro Partnership. After some discussion, Mr. Medica made the motion to table the request to modify the Bylaws ([Link](#)). Judge Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  5. Emmily presented the Public Participation Plan (PPP) ([Link](#)) modification request. She mentioned that due to Coronavirus advisories, she plans to hold a virtual public meeting for the draft MTP via YouTube. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the PPP modification to allow for virtual public engagement methods to be utilized as needed, during the metropolitan transportation planning process, in-lieu of face-face meetings. Mr. Medica seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- D. MPO Reports/Announcements
1. Emmily presented the tentative 2021 meeting Calendar.
  2. Emmily briefly presented the 2045 MTP Draft. She mentioned that comments on the latest draft were due by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>; after which she planned to request for the TAC's recommendation and Policy Board's approval to release the draft for public comments.
- E. ARDOT Reports/Announcements

1. Sunny briefly presented the list of upcoming projects.
  2. There were no updates on construction projects.
- F. There were no other agencies reports/announcements.
- G. There were no public comments.
- H. Mayor McCabe made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Fields seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at about 10:42 am.

Note: Due to restrictions and advisories associated with the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom <https://zoom.us>. The meeting link was <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71649775857> and ID: 716 4977 5857.

*Approve:*  
Policy Board Chairman  
Ray Owen  
*Sign & Date below:*

*Attest:*  
MPO Study Director  
Emmily Tiampati  
*Sign & Date below:*