



## **General Membership Board Meeting**

*6:30 p.m. - Thursday, January 14, 2021*

*Third Floor Conference Room*

*233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC*

## **Minutes**

### **Executive Committee in Attendance**

Jay Bender, President

Roland Best, Lenoir County  
Commissioner

Jesse Dowe, Duplin County  
Commissioner

Bennie Heath, Greene County  
Commissioner

Jim Kohr, City of Havelock Commissioner

Steven Wiggins, Wayne County caucus  
Edward Riggs, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Arthur Robinson, Greene County caucus  
Freeman Hardison, Wayne County  
Commissioner (by zoom)  
Bill Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Shane Turney, Treasurer

### **General Membership Committee in Attendance**

Dominick Spadaro, Town of Newport representative

Randy Mitchell, Town of Dover Mayor

Carolyn Kenyon, Town of Faison Mayor

### **ECC Staff om Attendance**

Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director

Jenny Miller, Finance Director

Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance  
Director/Transportation Director

Heather O'Connor, AAA Director (by  
zoom)

January Brown, Family Caregiver  
Specialist (by zoom)

**1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order** – President Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Kohr. Quorum was met.

**2. Adopt Agenda** - *Jay Bender, President*

*Commissioner Heath motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Roland Best, and motion was unanimously approved.*

**3. Consent Agenda – Jay Bender, President**

- a. General Membership Board Minutes—June 11, 2020
- b. Financial Statement
- c. C.E.D.S. update

*Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, and motion was unanimously approved.*

**4. Budget & Audit Committee Report – Shane Turney, Treasurer**

Treasurer Turney stated the Budget & Audit Committee met before the General Membership Board meeting to go over the check register, the complete audit, and membership dues.

**5. ECC By-Laws Committee Update – Jay Bender, President**

President Bender appointed the following to the ECC By-Laws Committee: Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Prescott, Commissioner Emory, Commissioner Wiggins, Mayor Kenyon, and Commissioner Robinson. The committee has not met.

**6. Family Caregiver Program – January Brown, Family Caregiver Specialist**

Mrs. Brown gave a presentation on the history, funding guidelines, goals, and who is eligible for Family Caregiver Program. She explained how COVID-19 has restricted access to family caregivers and how the region's response efforts have changed to "out of the box thinking" to reach those caregivers in need.

**7. ECRPO & DERPO Update – Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance Director/Transportation Director**

Ms. Morgan gave an update on the timeline for Prioritization 6.0. Dates are depending on the prioritization workgroup meeting after the quantitative scoring is complete. Projected draft list of programmed regional impact projects is to be released January 2022.

Ms. Morgan stated NC DOT is accepting grant applications to mitigate traffic deaths and injuries. The submission deadline is January 21, 2021.

A list of on-going projects was included in the agenda packet.

**8. Municipal Caucus Representatives to the ECC Executive Committee - Jay Bender, President – item was tabled until after municipal election.**



## 9. Member Comments

President Bender suggested the committee to look at pages 49-50 of the agenda packet to see the communities that are participating in the 160D and ADA compliance that ECC was awarded a grant to help towns.

Executive Director Bordeaux reported ECC has launched a media campaign that includes radio advertisement, newly added items to the website and Facebook pages. Mrs. Bordeaux talked about the newly created YouTube station where the ECC is doing a different segment for each of the programs hosted within ECC.

Executive Director stated the ECC staff received three prestigious National Awards in June 2020 with the National Association of Development Organizations Impact Awards.

Commissioner Kohr stated Commissioner Mitchell apologizes for missing the meeting.

President Bender stated the Town of Pollocksville was given a notice to proceed with the train station and have 240 days to move the structure.

## 10. Adjournment

*Commissioner Wiggins motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Emory, and motion was unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,

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**Jay Bender**, President

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**Katie Bordeaux**, Executive Director