



Centralina Council of Governments

**Board of Delegates Minutes  
February 11, 2015**

Jurisdiction	Represented By	Jurisdictions Not Represented
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Ansonville
Anson County	Jarvis Woodburn	China Grove
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Cherryville
Belmont	Ron Foulk	Cleveland
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Dallas
Charlotte	Patsy Kinsey	Faith
Cornelius	Thurman Ross	Harmony
Cramerton	Will Cauthen	Hemby Bridge
Davidson	Beth Cashion	High Shoals
East Spencer	Phronice Johnson	Indian Trail
Gaston County	Joe Carpenter	Kings Mountain
Gastonia	Walter Kimble	Lincoln County
Granite Quarry	Mike Brinkley	Locust
Huntersville	Sarah McAulay	Lowell
Iredell County	Ken Robertson	Marshville
Landis	James Furr	Marvin
Lincolnton	Devin Rhyne	McAdenville
Matthews	Joe Pata	Midland
Mecklenburg County	George Dunlap	Mineral Springs
Mint Hill	Richard Newton	Misenheimer
Monroe	Surluta Anthony	Morven
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Mount Holly
Mount Pleasant	Warren Chapman	Norwood
New London	Tate Daniels	Oakboro
Salisbury	Karen Alexander	Pineville
Spencer	Jody Everhart	Ranlo
Stallings	Regis Griffin	Richfield
Statesville	Michael Johnson	Spencer Mountain
Union County	Richard Helms	Stanley
Weddington	Bill Deter	Stanly County
Wesley Chapel	Becky Plyler	Troutman
		Unionville
		Wadesboro
		Waxhaw
		Wingate

**Call to Order**

Chairman Michael Johnson called the meeting to order. Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, verified and confirmed a quorum was present. Chairman Johnson welcomed new Delegates and Alternates in attendance.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

Chairman Johnson noted that Item 15, a resolution recognizing Rebecca Yarbrough, had been added to the agenda.

Council Member Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Joe Carpenter, Union County, seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Seeing that there were no requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda, Council Member Hall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. **Approval of the October 8, 2014 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**
2. **Report of Financial Activity for the Period Ending December 31, 2014**
3. **Amendments to the CCOG Bylaws as Recommended by Legal Counsel and Staff, and as Reviewed by the Executive Board**

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**4. CCOG Nominating Committee Report**

Commissioner Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, gave the Nominating Committee's report on behalf of the Committee's Chairman, Commissioner Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County. He presented the slate of CCOG officers for 2015:

Chair:	Michael Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Statesville
Vice Chair:	Sarah McAulay, Commissioner, Town of Huntersville
Secretary:	Pasty Kinsey, Council Member, City of Charlotte
Treasurer:	Bill Feather, Mayor, Granite Quarry

Commissioner Compton called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations.

**5. Election of CCOG Officers**

Council Member Hall made a motion to accept and elect the slate of CCOG officers for 2015 by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**6. Installation of New CCOG Officers**

Ms. Weston installed Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair McAulay, and Treasurer Bill Feather. She noted that Secretary Patsy Kinsey was not present and would be installed at a later date.

**7. Election by County Caucuses of Municipal Executive Board Members**

The municipalities from Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, and Union Counties were required to caucus in accordance with CCOG bylaws. Gaston County towns selected Will Cauthen, Town of Cramerton, as

their representative on the Executive Board while Union County towns selected Bill Deter, Town of Weddington.

There were no Delegates representing the Anson and Cabarrus County towns. These municipalities will caucus at a later date.

**8. CCOG 2013-2014 Annual Report**

Chairman Johnson gave an overview of the Annual Report, noting that it contains many derivatives of the CONNECT Our Future project. He read aloud a letter from the North Carolina Department of Transportation – Rail Division in support of CCOG’s application for Strategic Highway Research Program funding for the Regional Freight Mobility Plan.

Commissioner Carpenter requested a copy of the letter be distributed to all of the Delegates.

Chairman Johnson noted that CCOG was one of two programs cited by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Content Guidelines as an example of successful alignment between CEDs and the US. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

**9. Proposed CCOG Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Chair Johnson noted that the Board is being asked to approve a placeholder budget because CCOG has not received definitive grant information. Staff will bring a final budget proposal to the Board’s May 13, 2015 meeting.

Tonya Frye, Finance Director, gave the staff presentation of this item.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one, he declared the public hearing closed.

Vice Chair McAulay made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Centralina COG annual operating budget ordinance in the amount of \$5,062,901. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**10. Proposed CCOG Grant Projects Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Ms. Frye gave the staff presentation on this item.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one, he declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Centralina COG grant projects budget ordinance in the amount of \$15,515,628. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**11. Member Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Ms. Frye gave the staff presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member Hall’s question, Ms. Frye explained that last year’s assessment rate was based on the 2010 census while this year’s rate will be based on 2013 population estimates.

Council Member Hall made a motion to set the assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 at \$0.24 per capita with a minimum assessment amount of \$750 per member. Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**12. Approval of Occupancy Contract Included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Operating Budget**

Jim Prosser, Executive Director, gave the staff presentation on this item.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the contractual obligation for the office space in the amount not to exceed \$352,000 included in the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Secretary Kinsey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**13. Resolution to Support the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Master Plan**

Jason Wager, Planning Program Supervisor – Sustainability, gave the staff presentation on this item.

In response to Commissioner Carpenter’s question, Barry Gullet, Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG) Chair, explained that CWWMG will issue an addendum that will incorporate all comments received on the plan.

Mr. Prosser added that a number of cities and towns will be impacted by the plan and implementation will involve a continued relationship with those communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McAulay and carried unanimously.

**14. CONNECT Our Future Update**

Sushil Nepal, Project Manager, gave the staff presentation on this item.

In response to Commissioner Carpenter’s question, Mr. Nepal noted that the CONNECT project will be ending in a few weeks. The budgeted amount appropriated for CONNECT for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 will carry the project through to its closing.

**15. Resolution of Appreciation – Rebecca Yarbrough**

Chairman Johnson read the resolution aloud. He noted that Rebecca Yarbrough, Senior Advisor, CONNECT Sustainable Communities Program, has led and labored tirelessly and been the face of CCOG for 37 years.

Mrs. Yarbrough expressed her appreciation to the Delegates and staff for the recognition.

Council Member Hall noted that the CONNECT grant CCOG received was one of the last issued by the federal government. She thanked Mrs. Yarbrough for her determination and energy.

**Comments from the Board of Delegates**

There were no comments from the Board.

**Comments from the Chair**

Chairman Johnson noted that the CONNECT project is a monumental accomplishment for the region.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

There were no comments from the Executive Director.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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