

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 16, 2023 – 6:15 P.M.
J.P. Carr Community Center, Conyers, GA**

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Bill Campbell, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples (Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglas, John van der Spek, Nichele Ford, Mary Greco, Pamela Perdue, Sandra Weatherly, Roger Cannon, Robin Berry, Shawn Bilak, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Thomas C. Dean III (Vice-Chair), Tuwanya Smith.

Not Present: Aviella Williams Gayden, Celia Hemphill, Dereck Davis, James Stone, Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Michael Sellers, Shermelle Brooks, Tanya Cobb, Vinette D'Andrade, Yvonne Duncan, Venus Arthur.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Charles Staples called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and thanked the Sheriff's Department for providing the meal. Mr. Staples reminded all members that the SPLOST Oversight Committee will not meet during November or December due to the holidays and people's travel schedules. Bill Hughey held a minute of silence for the passing of long-time community advocates and leaders Ed Conway and Ron Simpson.
2. **Invocation:** Bill Hughey
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes of September 18, 2023, were approved.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks** – Chairperson Staples announced the retirement of SPLOST Recording Secretary Marilu Montalvo in January 2024. Marilu has been the County SPLOST Recording Secretary since 2005.
6. **Subcommittees Reports–**
 - **Finance:** Chairperson Doug Smith informed that as of August 2023, the sales tax collected an average of 2.016M, and collections continue to exceed the monthly goals by an average of around \$778k. The subcommittee didn't meet in September and will not meet in October.
 - **Fire/E911:** Chairperson Bill Hughey reported that they met on October 5th. The subcommittee reviewed the ongoing activity from the 2017 SPLOST. Construction of Station 10 on Hwy 138, North Rockdale, is ongoing. The foundation has been laid, Steel is going up, and the roof will be in place before the rainy season starts. Completion is projected to be in 2024. We reviewed the Plans for the renovation of Station 5 on West Hightower Trail to expand the current location that services Northwest Rockdale. Engineering work is ongoing, and design work has been completed. Reviewed the phase one progress for the Fire Training Center, which will be located on county property off US 212 near the South Tower. Engineering and design work is ongoing; no date has been set for completion. The next meeting for the subcommittee will be January 4th at 5 PM at Station 7.

Rockdale County Fire Stations' Addresses:

FS #1- 1831 Conyers Station Rd., Conyers, 30012
FS #2- 778 Bell Rd., Conyers 30012
FS #3- 2450 Old Salem Rd. SE, Conyers, 30012
FS #4- 3610 Union Church Rd., Stockbridge, 30281
FS #5- 2100 West Hightower Trail, Conyers 20012
FS #6- 2681 Hurst Rd., Conyers, 30012
FS #7- 1496 Rockbridge Rd., Conyers, 30012
FS #8- 1164 Scott St., Conyers, 30012
FS #9- 2008 Walker Rd., Conyers, 30012
FS #10- 3100 Highway 138, Conyers, 30013

- **Parks & Recreation:** No Report
- **Courthouse:** No Report
- **Sheriff:** No Report
- **Transportation:** Chairperson Arthur Vaughn distributed to the members an informational handout with the 2023 SPLOST Transportation Project List to support the two motions presented. Mr. Vaughn introduced Rockdale County Transportation Director Brian Kelley for a PowerPoint presentation. (See attached.) Two motions were made: i) Motion to allot funding for Transportation SPLOST 5A project list for the full depth reclamation roads as attached not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 as funds are available. Moved by Arthur Vaughn-Seconded by Elaine Nash. **Motion Carried.** ii) Motion to allot funding for Sigman Road IIIA, IIIB, IV, widening, not to exceed \$3,860,830.00 as funds are available. Moved by John van der Spek-Seconded by Elaine Nash. **Motion Carried**

7. **Public Comments:** None

8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:**

Thomas C. Dean III, OSC Vice-Chair, commented on the eloquent transportation document and presentation and reminded all the members that they are the SPLOST ambassadors and sources of information to the community. He encouraged the group to take pictures of the Transportation handout distributed tonight and have it ready on their phones to inform the public when the opportunity arises.

Arthur Vaughn commented that in last month's meeting, the Parks and Recreation subcommittee presented another great document with all the 2023 SPLOST information for the Parks. Please saved these two documents as your SPLOST information sources.

9. **Next meeting:** January 22, 2024.

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date