

**CROSS PLAINS RURAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 18, 2019  
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.  
Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room  
4309 Jacksboro Highway - Wichita Falls, Texas 76302**

**Voting Members**

**Rusty Stafford, Baylor County Judge  
Greg Tyra, Wilbarger County Judge  
Mike Campbell, Clay County Judge  
J.C. Bullock, Young County Judge  
Randy Jackson, Archer County Judge  
Jason Brinkley, Cooke County Judge  
Ron Sellman, Proxy for City Manager Barry Sullivan, City of Gainesville  
Darell Kennon, Public Works Director, City of Vernon  
Neal Welch, City Administrator, City of Olney  
Donna Culpepper, Nocona EDC, proxy for Mayor Robert Fenoglio**

**Other Participants**

**Joe Gambill, NorTex Regional Planning Commission  
Jennifer Foster, for Senator Charles Perry  
Mike Lytle, for Congressman Mac Thornberry  
Kamal Patel, for Congressman Mac Thornberry**

**TxDOT Staff**

**Mike Beaver, P.E., District Engineer  
Scot Reaves, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning & Development  
Zach Husen, P.E., Graham Area Engineer  
Allan Moore, P.E., Director of Construction  
Shaun Barnes, P.E., Director of Advance Transportation Planning  
Ben Coker, District Design**

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The Cross Plains Rural Transportation Council (CPRTC) met at the Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room on April 18, 2019. The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

- 1. Welcome & Opening Remarks** – Judge Rusty Stafford, Baylor County, welcomed attendees to the quarterly CPRTC Meeting. Judge Stafford led pledges to the United States and Texas flags.
- 2. Self Introductions** – Introductions were made around the room.
- 3. Public Comments** – None
- 4. Approval of CPRTC minutes from the January 24, 2018 meeting**  
A motion was made by Judge Randy Jackson, Archer County and seconded by Ron Sellman, City of Gainesville to approve the minutes as documented and the motion carried.
- 5. Topics**
  - **Nomination of CPRTC Chairman & Vice Chairman:** Judge Stafford called for nominations for CPRTC Chairman. Judge Jackson nominated Judge Stafford. Judge Greg Tyra called for a cease to nominations. Judge J.C. Bullock seconded the motion. The motion carried. Judge Stafford was selected to serve another 2-year term as CPRTC Chairman. Judge Stafford called for nominations of a Vice Chairman.

Judge Tyra nominated Judge Jackson. Judge Bullock moved to cease nominations. Judge Tyra seconded the motion. The motion carried and Judge Jackson was selected as Vice Chairman for the next two years.

- **Legislative update:** Jennifer Foster with Senator Charles Perry's office discussed bills in the Texas House and Senate as the legislative session entered its last 40 days. She said HB1 passed, designating approximately \$32-billion budgeted for transportation. She added that Senator Perry sponsored a bill to provide \$500-million for county roads affected by oil and gas activity. She said SB 918 and HB 2048 would repeal and replace the driver responsibility program, decreasing some fees and increasing fees for DWI. Mike Beaver asked about the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. Jennifer Foster said modifications were being made to change qualifications and that less counties would qualify, but that would ensure money would go to counties with the most need. Judge Jackson asked if Commissioner Alvin New could be asked for more funding. Mike Beaver said the state reaches out to the commission, not each district. The districts request to divisions and divisions submit to the commission, adding that is how the Wichita Falls District received funding for I-35 and US 82. Mike said that Commissioner New is a big proponent of expanding US 281 to a 4-lane divided facility and other rural corridors and infrastructure.

CPRTC members, TxDOT staff and Jennifer Foster discussed DPS office consolidation possibilities.

- **TxDOT Current Construction and FY 2019 Projects update:** Scot Reaves and Shaun Barnes discussed high priority CPRTC projects. Mike Beaver said Senate Joint Resolution 61 would impact relocation of the railroad near Valley View for the I-35 expansion project, adding nothing has happened with it in over a year.

Judge Mike Campbell asked about US 82 from Ringgold to Henrietta. Shaun Barnes said the project was broken up into two parts, currently targeted to begin in 2025 from Ringgold to Bryant Edwards Road, then from Bryant Edwards Road to Henrietta. Shaun Barnes detailed the plan to keep the US 82 route through Henrietta. Judge Campbell asked about cutting US 82 around Henrietta to US 287. Mike Beaver said that possibility still exists. Shaun Barnes discussed I-35, US 82 corridor progress and upcoming public hearings and other high priority projects. Mike Beaver discussed funding and impacts of Prop 1 and 7 funds, adding TxDOT has already seen benefits.

Wichita Falls District Area Engineers provided an update and answered questions on the active projects in their areas:

Zach Husen, P.E., Graham Area Engineer

Allan Moore, P.E. for David Rohmer, P.E., Wichita Falls Area Engineer and Mike Hallum, P.E., Gainesville Area Engineer.

**6. Next Meeting Date** - Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**7. Topics for Next Meeting**

- State Infrastructure Bank Loans

**8. Other:** Mike Lytle with Congressman Mac Thornberry's office introduced his colleague Kamal Patel.

**9. Adjourned** at 11:06 a.m.