

***Centralina Council of Governments
Notice & Agenda of Meeting
Statesville Civic Center
300 South Center Street
Statesville, NC***

***Wednesday, January 15, 2003
6:15 p.m. - Social Hour
7:00 p.m. – Dinner***

Please Respond by January 10:

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Installation of 2003 Officers**

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Joe White</i>
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	<i>Leda Belk</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Al Black</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike Brown</i>

3. **Amendments to the Agenda**

4. **2002 Annual Report**

Centralina has printed its 2002 annual report, "*Regionalism – Where It Begins*". The report highlights the year's work. Copies of the report have been mailed. No action is required.

<u>Member Government</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cherryville CDBG Urgent Needs Application Preparation	\$ 3,000
High Shoals CDBG Urgent Needs Application Preparation	\$ 3,000
Monroe Police Department Strategic Plan	10,893*
Monroe-Union County Community Development Corp. Environmental Review	705*
Mount Holly Parks & Recreation Director Assessment Center	2,323*
Statesville State Development Zones Analysis	780*
Wingate Architectural Design Guidelines	4,262*
Bi-monthly estimated total	\$ 21,963

*Membership hours are provided on this project in accordance with Centralina policy.

5. **Clean Fuels Coalition**

The Centralina, in conjunction with the North Carolina Energy Office, provides staff assistance to the nine-county Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (CCFC). The coalition's Core Planning Group, chaired by "Coach" Joe White, is currently working to recruit stakeholders and obtain designation status. Designation takes place once a Program Plan illustrating achievable objectives coupled with strong local support is approved by the US Department of Energy (DOE).

The 80+ existing designated Clean Cities have nationally attracted approximately \$180 million dollars in Federal grants for innovative alternative fuel projects. A Clean Cities designation guarantees **eligibility** for federal funding under DOE's State Energy Program Special Projects grants. Grants could assist stakeholders with a variety of projects that could include the purchase of natural gas or propane buses, the construction of publicly available refueling stations, educational programs, development of "clean corridors," etc.

As part of the designation process, stakeholders sign a voluntary, non-binding Memorandum of Understanding that confirms support for the initiative.

Jason Wager, Centralina Staff, and a representative of the CCFC Core Planning Group will provide a brief introduction to this program, answer questions, and identify interested local governments.

6. Adoption of Regional Planning Alliance Membership Pact

Centralina and the Catawba Regional Council of Governments have jointly convened a number of non-governmental regional partners to form a Regional Planning Alliance (RPA). The Regional Planning Alliance is seen as a voluntary coalition of governmental and non-governmental partners to address the need for more coordinated, collaborative planning throughout the bi-state Charlotte region. The “basics” of the Regional Planning Alliance are outlined below:

- Purposes:** Increased coordination of planning at the local and regional levels
Better information on which to base local and regional decisions
Reducing “duplication of efforts” among various regional players
- Structure:** Initial membership by “pact” agreement on information sharing and support
- Coverage:** Centralina COG’s 9 counties, Catawba Regional COG’s 4 counties, plus Catawba and Cleveland Counties are invited
- Time Line:** 18-24 month start-up, with a REGIONAL CONVOCATION planned in Spring 2003 to launch the RPA
- Local Roles:** Decide whether or not to participate
Send representative to major meetings
Participate in data sharing, etc.
Receive and use information generated, as it is helpful

As noted above, membership in the RPA is by adoption of a pact that has been developed by the partners. The Regional Initiatives Committee of the Centralina Board of Delegates has reviewed this “Pact” (*see Attachment #1*) and has stated that as the primary convener, it would be appropriate for Centralina to be the first organization to adopt the RPA Pact. They recommend adoption of the Pact to the full Board.

Action Requested: I move that Centralina adopt the Membership Pact for participation as a member of the Regional Planning Alliance and authorize its Chairman to sign and publicize its endorsement.

7. Requested Caucuses For Appointment To Executive Committee

The Bylaws state:

Membership: *The Executive Committee shall be composed of:*

- (1) The delegate from Cabarrus County, Gaston County, Iredell County, Lincoln County, Mecklenburg County, Rowan County, Stanly County, Union County, and the City of Charlotte,*
- (2) one municipal delegate from each county area representing all municipalities within such County, and*
- (3) the officers of the Council. Provided, however, if a county, a county area, or the City of Charlotte have a delegate who is an officer of the Council, that unit shall not be entitled to an additional representative on the Executive Committee. The municipal delegates from all municipal member governments units within each County area*

(exclusive of the City of Charlotte as to Mecklenburg County) shall elect from their number of caucus, the municipal delegate from the county area to serve on the Executive Committee and shall notify the Chairman of the Council of this selection prior to the first meeting of each calendar year. Only delegates and not alternates may serve on the Executive Committee. In the event the immediate past Chairman of the Council is not a member of the Executive Committee under any of the foregoing provision of Paragraph A, the Executive Committee shall be increased in number to include the immediate past Chairman for so long as he remains a local elected official.

The municipal delegates from each of the following Counties are asked to caucus after the meeting to choose one of their number to represent them on the Executive Committee during 2003:

Anson County
Gaston County
Iredell County
Mecklenburg County
Rowan County
Stanly County

A caucus of Cabarrus and Union municipal delegates is not needed since a municipal delegate from the county is an officer of the Council, and thus automatically their representative on the Executive Committee. Since Lincolnton is the only municipality in Lincoln County, Lincolnton's delegate is automatically a member of the Executive Committee.

Please report your representative to Centralina staff before leaving the meeting.

8. Program Overview & Delineation of Goals for the Coming Year

There are six program areas which house a number of individual programs and Centralina initiatives. Each of the section directors will be a brief overview. Staff will be prepared to answer questions and focus a range of potential goals for the forthcoming year.

9. Other Business

10. Comments from the Executive Director

11. Adjournment

Centralina Council of Governments will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Centralina Council of Governments will make reasonable accommodations in all programs/services to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Centralina Council of Governments' programs will be available in the most integrated setting for each individual. If any accommodations are necessary for participation, please contact the Assistant to the Executive Director, 1300 Baxter Street, Suite 450, Charlotte, NC, Phone (704) 372-2416. Please allow 72 hours advance notice for preparation.

REGIONAL PLANNING ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP PACT

Whereas, Centralina Council of Governments is a unit of local government or a regional organization committed to preserving and enhancing quality of life as a critical element of growth and prosperity in the Charlotte region; and,

Whereas, the Regional Planning Alliance serves the multi-county, 2-state region centered around Charlotte with a focus on land use, transportation, open space and integrated environmental planning needed to preserve and enhance quality of life as the region continues to grow; and,

Whereas, the purpose of the Regional Planning Alliance is to promote coordinated, integrated regional planning for a sustainable economy and desirable quality of life in the Charlotte region through information exchange and policy coordination across both local jurisdictional and sectoral boundaries; and,

Whereas, the Regional Planning Alliance is not a regional authority but is a voluntary leadership alliance consisting of local government elected officials, managers and planners, and representatives from regional business and civic organizations; and

Whereas, the Regional Planning Alliance will not duplicate other regional initiatives and will seek first to utilize collaboration among its member organizations and leveraging of their efforts and programs before creating new programs or efforts;

Therefore, Centralina Council of Governments agrees to be a member in the Regional Planning Alliance (RPA), and as a member of the RPA, agrees to:

1. Participate fully in RPA meetings, projects and other activities, by identifying representatives from the leadership of our organization who will:
 - a. Attend and participate in RPA activities on our behalf; and,
 - b. Communicate to our organization information about the RPA, including its goals, policy recommendations, information requests, projects, and other activities.
2. Share information and other resources with the RPA, including:
 - a. Information about our organization's plans, projects, and activities that impact or relate to the RPA's purposes and goals, or that may benefit from coordination with plans, projects, and activities of other RPA members;
 - b. Information about statistical, mapping, or other data that our organization collects or maintains that may impact or relate to the RPA's purposes and goals; and,
 - c. Copies of such data that our organization collects or maintains that may be needed for RPA purposes or projects.

Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 200__.

For: _____
(Organization/Government Name)

By: _____
(Signature)

(Print Name, Title)

Attest: _____

Minutes
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<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Jurisdictions Not Represented</u>
Anson County	Blake Hildreth, Jr.	Albemarle
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Charlotte
Belmont	Irl Dixon	Cherryville
Bessemer City	Allan Farris	Cleveland
Cabarrus County	Coy Privette	Cornelius
China Grove	Roy Patterson	Cramerton
Concord	Allen Small	Dallas
Davidson	Dave Martin	Faith
East Spencer	Deloris High	Gaston County
Gastonia	Bill Powers	Hemby Bridge
Granite Quarry	Ralph Almond	High Shoals
Harmony	John Ray Campbell	Indian Trail
Harrisburg	Mike Brown	Lake Park
Huntersville	Sarah McAulay	Landis
Iredell County	Steve Johnson	Lilesville
Kannapolis	Bob Misenheimer	Lowell
Lincoln County	Thomas Anderson	Marvin
Lincolnton	Carroll Heavner	Matthews
Locust	Harry Fletcher	McAdenville
Marshville	Denise Whitley	Midland
Mecklenburg County	Dumont Clarke	Monroe
Mineral Springs	Jerry Countryman	Morven
Mint Hill	Lloyd Austin	Norwood
Mooresville	Mitchell Mack	Pineville
Mount Holly	Phyllis Harris	Ranlo
Mount Pleasant	Maura Eberhardt	Richfield
New London	Calvin Gaddy	Salisbury
Oakboro	Joyce Little	Spencer
Rockwell	Beauford Taylor	Spencer Mountain
Rowan County	Leda Belk	Stallings
Stanley	Claude Lutz	Stanfield
Statesville	John Marshall	Stanly County
Troutman	Betty Jean Troutman	Union County
Weddington	Melvin Threatt	Unionville
Wesley Chapel	Al Black	Waxhaw
		Wingate

1. Call to Order (Verification of quorum)

Vice Chair Belk called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Bill McNair verified a quorum was present.

2. Installation of 2003 Officers

The following were introduced as Centralina officers for calendar 2003:

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3. **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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Report of Service Agreements

The agenda contained a list of agreements entered into with member governments since the last meeting on November 13, 2002. Under these agreements, staff will provide contract assistance to the member government. This was for information only. No action was required.

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Dave Martin moved that Centralina adopt the Membership Pact for participation as a member of the Regional Planning Alliance and authorize its Chairman to sign and publicize its endorsement. Coy Privette seconded the motion. Passed.

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Anson County - Stanley Stovall
Gaston County – Kay McCathen
Iredell County – Betty Jean Troutman
Mecklenburg County – Dave Martin
Rowan County – Roy Patterson
Stanly County – Deloris Chambers

8. **Program Overview & Delineation of Goals for the Coming Year**

Each section director, except CDC, gave a brief overview of their section's program and initiatives as an introduction to the new delegates and to the upcoming budget process.

9. **Other Business**

None.

10. **Comments from the Executive Director**

None.

11. **Adjournment**

Being no further business, Coy Privette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. John Marshall seconded the motion. Passed.