Minutes

Executive Committee:
Jay Bender        Frank Emory
Roland Best      Bennie Heath
Woody Brinson    Pat Prescott
Robert Cavanaugh Edward Riggs
Scott Dacey      Arthur Robinson
Jesse Dowe       Shane Turney

General Membership Committee:
Michael Curtis   Randy Mitchell
John Nash        Lisa Moore
Alan Welch

ECC Staff:
Patrick Flanagan Leighann Morgan
Judy Hills       David Rosado
Jenny Miller

1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order - Shane Turney, President
Shane Turney called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Shane stated that this year is the 50th Anniversary of ECC followed by introductions of the round table. Pat Prescott gave the invocation.

2. Adopt Agenda - Shane Turney, President
   Bennie Heath made motion to adopt Agenda as presented, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously approved.

3. Consent Agenda - Shane Turney, President
Shane Turney called the Board’s attention to the consent agenda: minutes and financial statements proved.
   b. Financial Statement
Arthur Robinson made motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Roland Best and unanimously approved.

4. Budget and Audit Committee Report - Edward Riggs, Treasurer
Edward Riggs stated the Budget and Audit Committee met on Thursday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m. The committee reviewed the upcoming budget, budget amendments, check register and financial statements that were presented in the agenda packet and found them to be in order.

5. Finance—Budget Amendment - Edward Riggs, Treasurer and Jenny Miller, Finance Director
Jenny Miller presented Budget Amendment 4; a budget revision of $21,994 due to the increase of the following: $13,494 increase in MIPP allocation; $1,500 increase for Planning T/A projects and $7,000 increase in funding from EDA. Bennie Heath motioned to accept budget revision as presented, seconded by Jesse Dowe, unanimously approved.

6. Election of ECC 2nd Vice President - Shane Turney, President
Shane Turney stated Robert Cavanaugh replaced ECC 2nd Vice President Robin Comer for Carteret County representative for 2017 and the position needs to be re-elected. Arthur Robinson nominated Bill Taylor. Pat Prescott nominated Frank Emory. Discussion that there could not be two Jones County representatives as officers; Pat Prescott withdrew her nomination.
Bennie Heath closed nomination, seconded by Jesse Dowe.
Jesse Dowe motioned to approve Billy Taylor as 2nd Vice President, seconded by Roland Best, unanimously approved.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee - Shane Turney, President
Shane Turney stated that every odd year ECC Board holds election of officers, this necessitates the appointment of a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is appointed sixty days prior to the annual meeting when elections of officers are to take place. The Nominating Committee is composed of one member from each county to carry forward the objectives of the Council. Shane nominated the following: Dominick Spardaro (Carteret County); Pat Yocum (Craven County); Jesse Dowe (Duplin County); Arthur Robinson (Greene County); Frank Emory (Jones County); Roland Best (Lenoir County); McKinley Smith (Onslow County); Pat Prescott (Pamlico County); Ray McDonald (Wayne County).

8. Report of Executive Director Search Committee - Shane Turney, President
Shane Turney stated that the current selected resumes have been ranked and the top nine candidates have been selected. Next meeting is in April to narrow the selection of candidates.

9. ECC Networking event - Jenny Miller, Finance Director
Jenny Miller stated that since this is the 50th anniversary of ECC; a formal event has been presented to celebrate the COG. The dates of September 16th or October 28th were
discussed. The location will be the Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores; tickets will be required to enter the event.

10. Planning Department Presentation - Patrick Flanagan, Planning Director
Patrick Flanagan gave a presentation of the different potential funding sources for Bike & Ped projects. Patrick covered multiple Federal Funding Sources; State Funding and Private/Non-Profit funding, he gave details and some examples of each category. This presentation can be found online for further details.

11. Executive Director Report - Judy Hills, Executive Director
David Rosado took a minute to discuss a time sensitive project that the AAA is currently working the State on; Project C.A.R.E. He gave a handout stating that Project C.A.R.E. is a state funded, dementia-specific support for caregivers and the different services.

Judy Hills stated EDA provided $7,000 additional funding to LCC for CEDS. ECC helped City of New Bern and Craven Community College complete an application to EDA to renovate old warehouse into a Workforce Training Center; helped Jones, Duplin, and Pamlico counties with a broadband survey; Hosting a Planner’s Workshop on April 21st in correlation to the Tiny House Festival in Pink Hill. ECC mailed out Dues notices for FY 17/18. ECC AAA is working on enhancing transportation for rural areas and opening new nutritional sites for home delivered meals. The Planning Department hired a new Community Planner, Ryan Griffith.

12. Member Comments
Bennie Heath apologized for missing the November meeting but he commentates the local high school ball games.
Roland Best stated that the Down East Wood Ducks baseball team games start in April in Kinston.
Frank Emory stated Pink Hill is hosting a Tiny House Festival and South Lenoir High School will be auctioning off a tiny house that was built by the school.

13. Adjournment

*Jay Bender motioned to adjourned, seconded by Jesse Dowe, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signatures]

Shane Turney, President
Judy Hills, Executive Director