



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

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### Call to order

Teresa Hardy called to order the regular meeting of the SPLOST Citizens Oversight Group Meeting at 6:30pm on March 28, 2019 in the Maloof Auditorium.

### Register

The following persons were present:

Teresa Hardy	CEO
Gale Walldorff	CEO
Jenna Teston	District 1
Nancy Love	District 2
Alice Bussey	District 3
Isaac Blythers	District 4
Rod Frierson	District 5
Ellen Nash	District 6
Charles McCorkle	District 7
Kathie Gannon	Commissioner (District 6)
Delores Crowell	DeKalb County Government Affairs Director
Chris Kingsbury	Moreland Altobelli

Teresa Hardy motioned to adopt an agenda, was seconded by Isaac Blythers, motion was passed.

Ellen Nash wanted to amend the agenda and include three items. First the reporting requirements, second the election of chairs, and the third adoption of amendments of the bylaws. It was seconded by Gale Walldorff. Motion was passed.

A discussion was had about a working session so they can discuss all by laws prior so they don't have to bring them up in this meeting. So they can all discuss topics. Teresa Hardy said it has never been discussed before. Nancy Love wants to make a date for the working session so they can work through the bylaws.

Teresa Hardy stated that they needed a structure on how they do things and the roles that each one plays.

Teresa Hardy mentioned they never discussed April 1<sup>st</sup> to be the beginning of their annual start date.

Substitution motion was on floor to work through Ellen Nash's email and determine if they need to add a session at the end. The committee all motioned except for Teresa Hardy and Alice Bussey.

So the substitute motion carries.

Teresa Hardy discussed the Team Site which is a tool for financials and allocated funds being used like they are supposed to. She stated that everyone on the committee should get on site and familiarize by the next meeting.

Teresa Hardy spoke about the new SPLOST website and how it was very easy to use with color codes to the maps and what projects have been started and daily updates. So the community knows what's going on.

Ellen Nash spoke about reporting requirements and should be addressed.

Issac Blythers motions to create small committee, motion carries.

Teresa Hardy motioned to accept volunteers to be on committee. The committee volunteers are Gale Walldorff, Issac Blythers, Alice Bussey, and Roderick Frierson.

Delores Crowell recommends having 1 meeting to discuss Issac Blythers suggestion about tree plus the bylaws. It was motioned the vote was 5 to 4

They motioned for another committee for discussion of the bylaws.

Charles McCorkle substitutes motion to include tree and bylaws so can vote in front of public. Then Charles McCorkle withdrew his motion.

Teresa motioned for second committee to draft up bylaws. Motion carries. The committee was Teresa Hardy, Jenna Teston, Nancy Love, Rod Frierson, Ellen Nash Charles McCorkle.

Alice Bussey motions for a table motion, Charles McCorkle seconds, motion carries.

Gale Walldorff motions to determine chairs in April. Motion denied

Ellen Nash nominates Issac Blythers for chair, Nancy Love seconded the emotion

Motion to nominate, motion was closed

Rod Frierson motioned for Teresa Hardy and himself to remain as co-chairs. Was not favored will remain until October. Issac Blythers and Nancy Love were nominated as co-chairs starting in April was favored.

Chris Kingsbury spoke about The DeKalb SPLOST website updates with interactive maps. He stated that it is very easy to read. Go to DeKalb website click on Penny, brings you to the SPLOST menu. Go to live map and it will show you all projects being worked and their statuses. Stated that it was a powerful tool.

Chris spoke about all the SPLOST meetings held at different locations.

He also spoke about the major purchases for DeKalb SPLOST recently. Which were fire trucks, radios, and 100 police vehicles. He also spoke about the budgets for the past year and the projected budgets for the next two years.

The board wanted to know when SPLOST meetings were and when so they can be more familiar with what's going on so they can try to attend some of the meetings.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon stated "That we would have funds in the budget but as many of you know in DeKalb county We have got long long lists of on attended needs And the reason those lists are so long is because we have never had money in the budget to address those needs And we are thankful that the citizens voted for SPLOST so that we can begin to make a dent in those long lists Unfortunately it's not been free of any money it's really taking the place And this is the first time we've ever had additional money to address some really long standing unmet needs in this county So we're starting with this very basic maintenance kinds of things and public safety we're limited by the legislature We just hope that we do a really good job and deliver to citizens in a way that will help them say well let's do this again so we can keep going And maybe what we're doing in 15 years out like what net income and some of the other places maybe at that point we'll get to where we have some time we used funds in our budget".

### **Public**

Larry Edwards (district three) spoke about how the committee needed to get together more often and agree on things. He wanted clarification on SPLOST distribution between county and cities.

Teresa Hardy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Charles McCorkle seconded and approved by everyone.

(The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)