**Southeast Tennessee**

**Rural Planning Organization (RPO)**

**Membership Listing 2025**

**Elected Officials**

**Chairman – Clint Huth, Dunlap Mayor**

**Vice-Chairman – Dan Evans, McMinn County Highway Superintendent**

Gregg Ridley – Bledsoe County Mayor

Tobe Smith – Bledsoe Hwy. Superintendent

Philip “Winkie” Cagle – Mayor of Pikeville

D. Gary Davis – Bradley County Mayor

Tom Collins – Bradley Hwy. Superintendent

David Lattimore – Mayor of Charleston

Michael Brady – Grundy County Mayor

Johnny Ray Fults – Grundy Hwy. Superintendent

VACANT – Grundy Municipal Mayor

David Jackson – Marion County Mayor

Cory Pickett – Marion Hwy. Superintendent

VACANT – Marion Municipal Mayor

John Gentry – McMinn County Mayor

Dan Evans – McMinn Hwy. Superintendent

Lois Preece – Mayor of Niota

Larry Eaton – Mayor of Athens (Pop. Based)

Eddie Jewell, Jr. – Meigs County Mayor

J. Butch Nelson – Meigs Hwy. Superintendent

Wayne Irwin – Mayor of Decatur

Robby Hatcher – Polk County Executive

Roy Thomason – Polk Hwy. Superintendent

VACANT– Polk Municipal Mayor

Jim Vincent – Rhea County Executive

Rick Wilkey – Rhea Hwy. Superintendent

Hurley Marsh – Mayor of Dayton

Keith Cartwright – Sequatchie County Executive

Eric Higgins – Sequatchie Hwy. Superintendent

Clint Huth – Mayor of Dunlap

VACANT – State Senator

Ron Travis – State Representative, District 31

**Appointed Members**

VACANT – Bledsoe Highway Super Appointment

Ray Evans – Bledsoe Municipal Appointment

Bently Thomas – Bradley Highway Super Appointment

VACANT – Bradley Municipal Appointment

VACANT – Grundy Highway Super Appointment

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VACANT – Marion Highway Super Appointment

Linda Hooper – Marion Municipal Appointment

Tom Trotter – McMinn Highway Super Appointment

Ben Burchfield – McMinn Municipal Appointment

J. Gid Redmond – Meigs Highway Super Appointment

Laura Smith – Meigs Municipal Appointment

James Talley – Polk Municipal Appointment

VACANT – Polk Highway Super Appointment

Wanda Fulmer – Rhea Highway Super Appointment

VACANT – Rhea Municipal Appointment

Winston Pickett – Sequatchie Highway Super Appointment

Janis Kyser – Sequatchie Municipal Appointment

Chuck Hammonds – SETD Executive Director

Nathan Wehunt – SETHRA Appointment

Robert Varnell – Cleveland MPO

Melissa Taylor – Chatt./Hamilton/N. GA TPO

**Special-Interest Members**

**VACANT – Aviation**

Kat Volzer – Bike/Pedestrian

Linda Hixon – Environmental Representative

Jake Battles – Freight/Trucking

Patti Petitt – Greenways

VACANT – Port/Waterway

Byron Clinton - Rail

VACANT – Citizen Representative

**Non-Voting Members**

Danny Oliver – TDOT Region II Director Butch Eley – TDOT Commissioner

Dan Hinton – FHWA Division Administrator Emmalyn Porter – RPO Coordinator

Stacy Morrison – TDOT OCT Planning Manager

**As per the 2025 SE TN RPO bylaws changes:**

JECDB Members being replaced are now positions appointed by the County Mayor

Municipal representatives are appointed by City Mayors

County representatives are appointed by Highway Superintendents