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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
Executive Director

DATE: 5 November 2020

SUBJECT: Staff and Commission Updates

Commission Update

This month, we bid a fond farewell to longtime TACIR member Mayor Brent Greer of Henry County, who chose not to seek reelection this cycle after serving as county mayor since 1998. Mayor Greer has served on the Commission for 18 years. Over that time, he has been one of our most active and engaged members. A resolution commemorating Mayor Greer's service to the State and the Commission is attached. We wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.

Replacing Mayor Greer as the Tennessee Development District Association representative on the Commission is Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank. Mayor Frank has served as county mayor since 2012. Please join us in welcoming her to the Commission.

Next, we are asking for the members' approval on the proposed addition to the commission's bylaws that was described at our last meeting. This change recognizes the existence of the new legislative referral process developed in the House last session and formalizes the process for approving requests by Commission members. The proposed article follows.

Article VIII

Process for Adoption of Studies into the TACIR Work Program

Studies may be requested of the Commission by the legislative referral process developed in consultation with the leadership of the Tennessee General Assembly or at the request of a

Commission member. Requests made through the legislative referral process require a majority vote of the Commission members present and voting, provided there is a quorum. Study requests by Commission members require an affirmative vote of seventeen (17) Commission members who are present and voting.

Staff Update

Next month, we will also be bidding a fond farewell to Senior Research Associate Dave Keiser. Dave has been with the Commission for over eight years and has been the backbone of our Public Needs Infrastructure Inventory (PINI). He and his wife Amanda plan to relocate to North Carolina and start their own business. We will miss him greatly; please join us in wishing him and Amanda success and happiness.

Taking Dave's place as the project lead for the PINI project will be Rabia Chaudry, who will be receiving a promotion to Senior Research Associate in recognition of her accomplishments and her new responsibilities. Please join us in congratulating Rabia.