



WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE - REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025, 4PM
MARVIN VILLAGE HALL (10006 MARVIN SCHOOL ROAD, NC 28173)
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Jeff Perryman (Weddington), Vice-Chair Amanda Fuller (Wesley Chapel), Joe Pollino (Marvin), Rick Becker (Mineral Springs), Susanna Wedra (Waxhaw), Austin Yow (Marvin Clerk)

Absent: Steven Ayers (Stallings)

1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Chairman Perryman called the meeting to order at 4pm and determined a quorum was present.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Delegate Pollino requested to add “Discussion of Resolution of Support for the Marvin Ridge Athletic Booster Club’s Funding Proposal” to New Business.

Motion: Vice-Chair Fuller moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval October 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Vice-Chair Fuller inquired if the May Meeting Minutes were ready to be adopted. Mr. Yow stated that he had not received those minutes.

Motion: Delegate Becker moved to adopt the minutes from October 23, 2025, as presented.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments

- A member of the audience thanked the members for serving.

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

- **Marvin:** Delegate Pollino noted that Marvin was holding a Council with Kids event on November 25 where kids can learn about local government. He also noted that the Village’s Tree Lighting event was scheduled for December 6. He then informed the Board that Marvin is currently constructing a new park next door to Marvin Village Hall. He noted that 40 Union County children were sponsored through the Village’s Friendship Tree program. He also noted that a new Council will be installed on December 9.
- **Mineral Springs:** Delegate Becker spoke regarding ongoing upgrades with Duke Energy power lines. He also noted that a new Council Member will be sworn in December.
- **Waxhaw:** Delegate Wedra stated Waxhaw has many upcoming events, including their Tree Lighting on November 22, Wreaths Across America on December 13, and the Christmas Parade on December 14. She noted that three new Board Members will be sworn in on December 9. Lastly, she spoke regarding a Youth Council that was recently established.
- **Weddington:** Chairman Perryman noted that Weddington’s Tree Lighting would be on November 21. He noted he had received no negative feedback in Weddington regarding WUMA’s proposal to hire a lobbyist.
- **Wesley Chapel:** Vice-Chair Fuller noted that Wesley Chapel was waiting for their audit results. She also noted an upcoming event on at Wesley Chapel Village Hall on December 20 but stated she was worried about attendance since the event will be so close to the holidays.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

a. Municipal Lobbyist Discussion

- Delegates discussed hiring a lobbyist to represent WUMA's interests with the NC General Assembly in Raleigh. Chairman Perryman noted the plethora of bills being considered by the General Assembly that directly affects and/or truncates local zoning authority. He noted the usefulness of having a lobbyist to push back against these efforts but also noted that each town would need to contribute to the costs. Delegate Wedra recommended continuing this discussion after the holidays as many representatives are away from Raleigh for the holiday season. Chairman Perryman asked Delegate Wedra to schedule her lobbyist to attend the February WUMA meeting in Mineral Springs on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4pm.

b. Discussion of Priorities for Calendar Year 2026

- Delegates discussed priorities for the next calendar year, including continuing the municipal lobbyist discussion, as well as setting up another meeting with the Union County state delegation before the beginning of the short session of the General Assembly next year. Delegate Pollino asked delegates regarding pushing voluntary annexation of donut hole properties. He also spoke regarding the need for impact fees and for greater state regulation of e-bikes. Chairman Perryman noted the importance of discussing NCDOT's road maintenance schedule in 2026.

c. Discussion of Resolution of Support for the Marvin Ridge Athletic Booster Club's Funding Proposal

- Delegate Pollino informed the Board that the Marvin Ridge Athletic Booster Club is asking for vocal support in their efforts to seek private funding to fund a new strength and conditioning facility at Marvin Ridge High School. He noted that the current training facilities are unable to support the volume of students. He noted that the Union County Board of Education is not allowing the Club to proceed with fundraising as they claim it's not fair for other schools. Delegate Pollino asked the other delegates to take the resolution of support back to their Councils for consideration.

8. Delegate Comments

- **Marvin:** Delegate Pollino wished everyone Happy Holidays. He stated that it has been an honor to serve with the other delegates. He briefly reflected on how WUMA originated.
- **Mineral Springs:** Delegate Becker thanked Delegate Pollino for his service and Chairman Perryman for leading the Board. He also thanked Karen Dewey and Austin Yow for staffing WUMA.
- **Waxhaw:** Delegate Wedra wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked Delegate Pollino for his years of service.
- **Weddington:** Chairman Perryman noted that the County Manager needs to be scheduled for a meeting next year. He thanked the group for their efforts, including Delegate Ayers. He also noted that WUMA's efforts have garnered attention from both Union County and state representatives.
- **Wesley Chapel:** Vice-Chair Fuller wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. She wished Delegate Pollino well and thanked him for his service.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Delegate Wedra moved to adjourn at 4:57pm.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.