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NEWS RELEASE

Randall Kunz of Mattapoisett Elected SRPEDD Chair at Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting

Randall Kunz, representing the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, has been elected Chair of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for the 2010-2011 term. SRPEDD held its 54th annual meeting in Taunton on May 26, 2010.

Other officers for the 2010-11 term elected at the meeting were: Jean C. Fox, representing the Freetown Board of Selectmen, Vice Chair; Joan Marchitto, representing the North Attleborough Board of Selectmen, Secretary; Martin Newfield of representing the Raynham Board of Selectmen, Treasurer; Joseph Callahan, representing the Berkley Board of Selectmen, Assistant Treasurer; and Susan Peterson, representing the Rochester Board of Selectmen, Past Chair.

Two delegates each from the District's twenty-seven member cities and towns and six at large delegates were sworn in to the SRPEDD Commission at the meeting.

Newly elected Chair Kunz vowed to continue to guide SRPEDD to help the region face the change that is before us. Stephen C. Smith, Executive Director, addressed SRPEDD's role in making Southeastern Massachusetts a more sustainable region.

Greg Bialecki, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, was the guest speaker. He addressed the state's efforts to create jobs in a recessionary climate and the importance of the South Coast Rail project to that effort.

Special Recognition Awards were presented at the meeting. They were awarded to:

- **Kristina Egan**, South Coast Rail Project Manager, for her vision and outstanding leadership of this project;
- **Maryan Nowak** of Taunton for his tireless volunteerism on behalf of environmental issues;
- **GATRA and Francis Gay, Administrator** for the high standards of professionalism demonstrated by the entire GATRA team; and
- **Irene Winkler**, Coordinator of the Pilgrim Resource, Conservation and Development Area Council, for her dedicated service to agriculture in Southeastern Massachusetts.

SRPEDD is a regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk Counties. SRPEDD is governed by local officials representing Mayors, Selectmen and Planning Boards. It undertakes regional planning in transportation, economic development, environment and land use, and provides technical assistance to the cities and towns of the region. SRPEDD also serves as the fiduciary agent for the Southeast Region Advisory Council on Homeland Security. SRPEDD's office is located in Taunton.

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