

Minutes  
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Regional Council Meeting  
Camilla, Georgia

March 28, 2013

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the RC Offices in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Jack Powell chaired the meeting, with the following council members present: Ms. Connie Hobbs, Mr. John Spann, Mr. Eddie Hopkins, Mr. Johnny Hardin, Mr. Ferrell Ruis, Ms. Dolly Crumley, Mr. Henry Crumley, Jr., Ms. Janice Baty, Ms. Gloria Gaines, Mr. Christopher Pike, Mr. Raymond Breaux, Ms. June Merritt, Mr. Al Hutchins, Mr. Marshall Hooks, Ms. LaFaye Copeland, Mr. Jim Sellers, Mr. Joe Walden, Mr. Vincent Cutts, Ms. Jenny Crisp, Ms. Glenda Battle, Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. Luther Clearman, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. W.D. Palmer, III, Mr. Benjamin Brooks, Ms. Brenda Peterson, Mr. Charles Barineau, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Mr. Christopher Wright, Ms. Elaine Mays, Mr. Donnie Baggett, Mr. Alfred Bryan, and Mr. Randy Hill.

Those Council members calling to report conflicts were Mr. Stephen Kaplan, Mr. Rick Muggridge, Mr. Mike Cosby, Ms. Karen Rackley and Mr. Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Mr. Charlie Williams, Ms. Bennie Jones, Mr. Russell Smith, Mr. George Washington, Mr. Demetrius Love, Mr. Kreg Freeman, Ms. Brenda Broome, Mr. Max Beverly, Mr. David Maschke, Ms. Elizabeth Millsaps, Mr. Mills Herndon and Mr. David Herndon.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Executive Assistant Anna Singletary, GIS Manager Heidi Penny, Senior Planner Barbara Reddick and Planner Kerrie Davis. Guests attending the meeting were Mrs. Emma Holloway, Mr. John Peterson, Ms. Doris Gay, Mrs. Barbara Clearman, Ms. Cynthia Hopkins and Mr. Charlie Sol.

Chairman Jack Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and called on Mr. Robert McDaniel for the Attendance Report. Mr. McDaniel reported that there were 34 members present representing thirteen counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker, Colquitt, Early, Grady, Mitchell and Terrell Counties had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. **After a brief review of the Agenda, February's Minutes and Financial Statements, Mr. Alfred Bryan moved the approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Henry Crumley. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Powell called for the Retirement Trustees report. Mr. Robert McDaniel reported on behalf of Retirement Trustee Chairman Ben Hayward. He noted that at the request of the Executive Committee, the Retirement Trustees met to review the retirement benefits offered to RC staff. Mr. McDaniel noted that currently the RC offered a defined benefit plan which was very costly to the RC. He noted that the Trustees were exploring a contributory benefit plan to offer employees as a cost saving measure.


A brief discussion was held as to the RC committees and how they are appointed.


Chairman Powell called on Ms. Barbara Reddick for the planning report. Ms. Reddick presented the Council with the planning report and reviewed the activities for the month. She stated that the Regional Work Program Update needed to be retransmitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) due to the need of a public hearing be held. **Mr. Henry Crumley moved to resubmit the update to DCA, seconded by Ms. Elaine Mays. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Powell called on Mr. Vincent Cutts for the By-Laws Committee. Mr. Cutts noted that the Council had been given the By-Laws for review at the recommendation of the By-laws committee. **Mr. Cutts then moved to adopt the By-laws as presented, subject to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) review, seconded by Mr. Lucius Holloway. After further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Powell then called on Ms. Suzanne Angell for the Deputy Director's report. She reported that the FY12 Audit has been submitted and accepted by the appropriate authorities, and that a copy was posted on the website for review. Ms. Angell noted that she had made mid-year changes to the fund equity balance of the financial statements due to audit adjustments. She then presented the Council with a budget amendment. **Mr. Donnie Baggett moved to adopt the budget amendment, seconded by Ms. Elaine Mays. The motion was unanimously passed.** Ms. Angell then gave a power-point presentation on the financial aspect of the Regional Commission.

With the being there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jack Powell, Chairman

  
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Robert McDaniel, Secretary