

Minutes
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Regional Council Meeting
Camilla, Georgia

May 30, 2013

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting, Thursday, May 30, 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. Charlie Williams, Mr. Johnny Hardin, Ms. Dolly Crumley, Mr. Henry Crumley, Jr., Ms. Janice Baty, Ms. Gloria Gaines, Mr. Christopher Pike, Mr. Raymond Breaux, Mr. Demetrius Love, Mr. June Merritt, Mr. Al Hutchins, Mr. Marshall Hooks, Ms. LaFaye Copeland, Mr. Jim Sellers, Mr. Joe Walden, Mr. Rick Muggridge, Mr. Vincent Cutts, Mr. Jenny Crisp, Ms. Glenda Battle, Mr. Kreg Freeman, Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. Luther Clearman, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. W.D. Palmer, III, Ms. Brenda Peterson, Mr. Charles Barineau, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Mr. Christopher Wright, Mr. Alfred Bryan, Mr. Mike Cosby, Mr. Randy Hill and Ms. Karen Rackley.

Those Council members calling to report conflicts were Mr. Ferrell Ruis, Mr. Russell Smith, Mr. Stephen Kaplan, Ms. Elaine Mays and Mr. Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Ms. Bennie Jones, Mr. George Washington, Mr. Benjamin Brooks, 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, and Senior Planner Barbara Reddick. Guests attending the meeting were Mr. John Peterson, Ms. Doris Gay, and Mr. George Brown.

Chairman Jack Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 37 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Terrell and Worth Counties had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. **After a brief review of the Agenda, April Minutes and Financial Statements, Mr. Henry Crumley moved the approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Donnie Baggett. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Ms. Angell then reported that the Personnel Committee had met to finish the review of the RC Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures. She noted that the policies contained revisions and updates required by law and other authorities, and that the committee recommended the policies be approved. **Mr. Donnie Baggett moved that the revised Personnel Policies and Procedures be approved, seconded by Mr. Raymond Breaux. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Mr. McDaniel reported that the Retirement Trustees had also met and had amended the current policies to allow an in-service distribution of 62 years of age and 9 years of service and to allow the Rule of 65 as an early method of retirement. He also noted that the current plan would be frozen on June 30th, and that a new contributory plan would go into effect thereafter with the RC matching employee contributions \$.50/\$1.00 up to a maximum of 6% of the employee's salary.

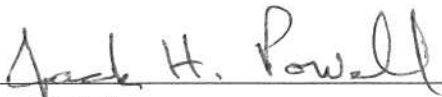
Chairman Powell reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the Aquifer Storage Recovery project, the FY14 Preliminary Budget and the Performance Evaluation. Mr. McDaniel reported that at the direction of the committee, the RC had withdrawn from the ASR contract and the GEFA would exclusively administer the project. Further discussion ensued as to how the RC would be financially impacted by the withdrawal. Ms. Angell then presented the Council with the FY14 Preliminary Budget and summarized the projected revenue and expenditures of the RC. She noted that the budget called for dues to the local governments to be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.10 per capita and that staff furloughs would continue for the next fiscal year. She also noted that changes to employee benefits would aid in lowering RC costs and liability. Ms. Angell also presented a Local Government Dues report that tabulated the cost for each community if dues were increased. **After further discussion relative to the dues increase Mr. Rick Muggridge moved to wait to vote on the dues increase at the time the budget is voted upon in June, seconded by Mr. Alfred Bryan. The motion passed with the following opposing: Ms. Gloria Gaines, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Mr. Charlie Williams, Mr. Christopher Wright, Mr. Christopher Pike, Mr. Demetrius Love, Mr. Al Hutchins, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. Randy Hill, Mr. Danny Palmer, Mr. Jim Sellers and Mr. John Spann. Ms. Karen Rackley abstained.**

Chairman Powell then presented the Performance Evaluation Form to evaluate the activities and performance of the Commission and its Executive Director. He tasked the Council to complete the form and return it to Anna Singletary, Executive Assistant, by the June Council meeting. He noted that this form would be taken into consideration at the committee's review of Mr. McDaniel's one year evaluation of Acting Executive Director.


Chairman Powell called on Ms. Angell for the Deputy Director's report. Ms. Angell reported that the RC had received bids from providers to operate the coordinated transportation program for the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) and Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), and that said bids would be evaluated accordingly. She further reported that the attorney hired represent the RC in the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) lawsuit was reviewing information received from the department. Lastly, she noted that the DOT contract to install the software on the tablets for the transportation vehicles had been received.

Mr. McDaniel then presented the Planning Activities report for the RC and noted that Ms. Reddick would be available for comments after the meeting. He further reported that the ASR project status had also been reviewed by the Environmental Committee prior to the Council Meeting. Mr. McDaniel noted that five Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) had been submitted in April and were to be awarded in September. He further noted that none of the submitted Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grants had been awarded. Lastly, Mr. McDaniel noted that the RC had been given the Georgia Municipal Association's Organization of Ethics certification for having a proper Ethics Policies.

With the being there being no further business, Mr. Jim Sellers moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Donnie Baggett. The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Powell, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary