

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

July 31, 2014

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the Southwest Regional Commission in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Brenda Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The following Council members were present; Mr. John Spann, Ms. Bennie Watts Jones, Mr. Ferrell Ruis, Mr. Henry Crumley, Ms. Dollie Crumley, Ms. Revonn Miller, Mr. Clinton Johnson, Ms. Billie Jo Fletcher, Mr. Raymond Breaux, Ms. June Merritt, Mr. Al Hutchins, Mr. Freddie Speight, Mr. Jim Sellers, Mr. Joe Walden, Mr. Dwight Hickman, Ms. Glenda Battle, Mr. Luther Clearman, Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. Danny Palmer, Mr. Benjamin Brooks, Mr. Darrell Hampton, Ms. Virginia Harrison, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Ms. Elaine Mays, Mr. Donnie Baggett, Mr. Mike Cosby, Mr. Randy Hill, Ms. Karen Rackley, Mr. Jack Powell, and Mr. Courtney Brinson.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Ms. Connie Hobbs, Mr. Charlie Williams, Mr. Johnny Hardin, Mr. Frank Loeffler, Mr. Rick Muggridge, Mr. Robert Ramsey, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. Alfred Bryan, and Mr. David Mosely.

Council members absent were Mr. Max Beverly, Mr. Eddie Hopkins, Mr. Demetrius Love, Ms. LaFaye Copeland, Mr. Kreg Freeman, and Mr. Christopher Wright.

Staff members present were Executive Director, Mr. Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director, Ms. Suzanne Angell, Grants Administrator, Ms. Brenda Wade, Senior Planner, Ms. Barbara Reddick, and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Heather White.

Guests present were Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Barbara Clearman, Mrs. Holloway, Ms. Trudy Lambert, Mrs. Hutchins, Mr. Kevin Coker, Mrs. Speight, Ms. Sandra Mulden, and Ms. Joyce Clark.

The Executive Director, Mr. Robert McDaniel, gave the attendance report. He reported 31 members present and 14 counties were represented. Three counties (Worth, Early, and Seminole) had 100% attendance. He continued to introduce the guests.

Chairman Brenda Peterson asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Henry Crumley made the motion and Mr. Donnie Baggett seconded the motion, all agreed.

Ms. Barbara Reddick, Senior Planner gave the Planning Department report. She discussed the need for the cities and counties to submit their CDBG applications as early as possible so that a proper amount of time can be given to all of the applications. She discussed all of the current activities and future activities of the Planning Development. Ms. Reddick told the Council that the SWGRC is looking towards the possibility of becoming a regional repository and the planning department has applied for a grant to make this possible.

Ms. Suzanne Angell presented the financial report. She discussed the General Fund, the Reserve Balance, the Transportation Fund and Fees for Services.

Mr. Robert McDaniel gave his Executive Director report. He reiterated the importance of applying for CDBG grants in a timely manner. He went over the status of the Life Flight endeavors, letting the Council know that the Regional Commission is no longer looking for funding for a local Life Flight Station, that the Georgia Patrol has found funding.

With no further business, Ms. Brenda Peterson adjourned the meeting.



Brenda Peterson, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary