

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

July 30, 2015

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, July 30, 2015, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Vice-Chairman Glenda Battle chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: Kevin Coker, John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Paul Nagy, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Dennis Brinson, Revonn Miller, Raymond Breaux, Charlie Sol, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Ray Prince, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Glenda Battle, Jerry Bush, Carlos Williams, Luther Clearman, Brenda Peterson, Darrell Hampton, Jack Powell, Alfred Bryan, Randy Hill, and Karen Rackley.

Council members calling to report conflicts Ferrell Ruis, Nathaniel Clark, Haryl Dabney, Ben Hayward, Danny Palmer, Christopher Wright, Elaine Mays, Donnie Baggett, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Betty Murdock, Benny Watts Jones, Clinton Johnson, Tommie Postell, Rick Muggridge, Robert Ramsey, Virginia Harrison, Ernest Johnson, Max Beverly, Mike Cosby, and David Mosely.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Planning Director, Barbara Reddick, Grants Administrator Brenda Wade, Kerrie Davis, Planner II, Steve O'Neil, Planner II, Jeffery Hamilton, GIS Assistant, and Administrative Assistant Heather White.

Guests present were Pete Stephens of Decatur County, Clara Prince, Cynthia Hopkin, Katherine Speight, Mr. Peterson, and Alice Hutchins.

Vice Chairman Glenda Battle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 27 members present representing 13 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County, Early County, Decatur County, Grady County, and Miller County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Glenda Battle asked that the June Minutes be approved. Henry Crumley motioned the minutes be accepted and Daryl Hampton seconded the motion; all agreed.

Charlie Williams gave the Environmental Committee Report to the Council. Global warming was discussed in the meeting as well as the Water First Program.

Glenda Battle called Barbara Reddick up to give her staff report for the Planning Department. She mentioned that they are working on 10 Comprehensive Plans. Three are from FY15 and 7 are for FY16. These take 2 years to complete. Ms. Reddick informed the Council about the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant and the needs to complete this grant.

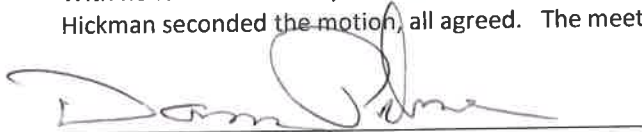
Suzanne Angell presented her June Financial Reports to the Council. As of June 30, 2015 the cash balance was \$343,705.00. The fund balance in the General Fund was \$246,461.00. The Transportation Fund balance was \$129,736.00. The revenues in excess of expenditures were \$103,728.00 for FY 15 which was added to the General Fund reserves. \$35,890 was added to the Transportation Fund reserves in FY 15. \$5,861.00 was added to the Revolving Loan Fund reserves in FY 15. We were \$15,656.00 better then budget in the General Fund. She then mentioned that the yearly audit will begin soon. Jack Powell moved that the financial report be approved and Luther Clearman seconded, all approved.

Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He mentioned that repairs are about to begin on the Regional Commission Offices. He asked that the Council complete their performance evaluations of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Executive Director.

Mr. Robert McDaniel then called up staff member, Kerrie Davis to accept an award celebrating her 10 years with the Regional Commission. Next, he awarded Steve O'Neil to celebrate his 10 years with the Regional Commission by presenting him with an award.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on August 27, 2015.

With no further business, Ms. Battle asked for a motion to adjourn. Raymond Breaux made the motion and Dwight Hickman seconded the motion, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Danny Palmer, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary