

MINUTES
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Regional Council Meeting
Camilla, Georgia
March 31, 2016

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, March 31, 2016, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Vice-Chairman Glenda Battle chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Paul Nagy, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Billy Poppell, Allen Baggs, Anthony Jones, Al Hutchins, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Chad Griffin, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Nathaniel Keaton, Mitchell Blanks, Ernest Johnson, Ed Wade, Jack Powell, Elaine Mays, Terry Scott, Donnie Baggett, Jeanie Crittenden, and Mike Cosby.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Benny Watts-Jones, Revonn Miller, Freddie Speight, Ray Prince, Danny Palmer, Brenda Peterson, Randy Hill, and Karen Rackley.

Council members absent were Matt Bryan, Dennis Brinson, Tommie Postell, Charlie Sol, Raymond Breaux, Rick Muggridge, Carlos Williams, David Mosely, and Courtney Brinson.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Senior Planner Barbara Reddick, Grants Administrator Brenda Wade, Planning Assistant Beka Shiver, and Administrative Assistant Heather White.

Guests present were Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Walden, and Robert Manchman.

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 28 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Terrell County, Colquitt County, and Thomas County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Ms. Battle then asked that February minutes be approved. Donnie Baggett motioned the minutes be accepted and Henry Crumley seconded the motion; all agreed.

Glenda Battle gave Nominating Committee Report. She explained to the Council that the recommended slate of officers that was presented at the February Council meeting had been tabled for the required 30 days and was now ready to be voted on. Ms. Battle then asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. Dwight Hickman made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Elaine Mays seconded the motion, all agreed. The 2016 Executive Committee is as follows; Chairman, Danny Palmer, Vice-Chairman, Glenda Battle, Treasurer, Ben Hayward, Member, Brenda Peterson, Member, John Spann, Member, Elaine Mays, and Member, Jack Powell.

Robert McDaniel presented Suzanne Angell's staff report in her absence. As of February 29, 2016, the General Fund has a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$68,307.27. Reserves at Feb 29, 2016: \$314,768.00. The Revolving Loan Fund has a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$3,084.66. Reserves at February 29, 2016 were \$309,427.90. The Transportation Fund has a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$9,690.75. Reserves at February 29, 2016 were \$139,426.49. The Defined Benefit Plan (Pension Trust Fund) continues to suffer a loss on investments (YTD loss: \$48,181.49) due to the market conditions. We are on track to successfully make our minimum required contribution for the year. Henry Crumley moved that the Financial Reports be approved for February 2016 and Dwight Hickman seconded, all approved.

Glenda Battle asked for a motion to adopt the resolution to allow the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for 5304 Funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mitchell Blanks made the motion to apply for the funds, Donnie Baggett seconded the motion, all approved.

Glenda Battle then asked Barbara Reddick to give her staff report for the Planning Department. Ms. Reddick mentioned the upcoming Annual Housing Conference. Currently they are working on 3 Hazard Mitigation Plans and completed plans for Baker County and Calhoun County. They are completing six 2016 CDBG applications for Arlington, Newton, Poulan, Bronwood, Funston, and Calhoun. Coolidge, Dawson, Dougherty, Meigs and Coolidge had 2016 CHIP applications submitted.

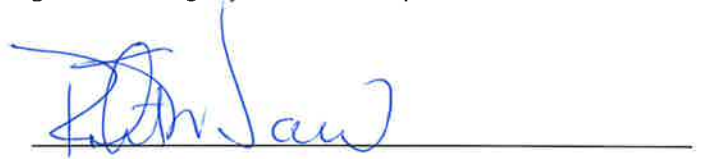
Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He stated that there was 11 new Council Members and thanked the ten that were able to attend for attending the New Council Member Training that was held before the meeting.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on April 28, 2016.

With no further business, Glenda Battle adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Danny Palmer, Chairman

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Robert McDaniel, Secretary