

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Regional Council Meeting Minutes  
Camilla, Georgia  
September 28, 2017

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Glenda Battle chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Bennie Watts Jones, Ferrell Ruis, Dennis Brinson, Billy Poppell, Anthony Jones, Freddy Grimsley, Raymond Breaux, June Merritt, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Keith Moye, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Chad Griffin, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Mitchell Blanks, Brenda Peterson, Ed Wade, Randy Hill, and Donnie Baggett.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Chris Moore, Chuck Cowart, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Matthew Reed, Carlos Williams, Danny Palmer, Tracie Beard, Jack Powell, Terry Scott, Elaine Mayes, Courtney Brinson, and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members absent were Paul Nagy, Revonn Miller, Bobby Coleman, Dennis Roland, Nathaniel Keaton, Ernest Johnson, Ken Hickey, Fred Dent, and Karen Rackley.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Executive Assistant Heather White, High School Intern Abby Casey, Intern Shelby Rhymes and Grant Administrator Brenda Wade.

Guests present were John Peterson, Kathy Wade, Lucius Hayes, Dwight Reeves, Feraby Moye, Executive Director of WIOA Melody Pierce, and Harriet Walden.

Chairman Glenda Battle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 26 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Early and Grady County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the council.

Glenda Battle asked that August 2017 minutes be approved. Randy Hill motioned the minutes be accepted and Al Hutchins seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman Glenda Battle asked Grant Administrator Brenda Wade to give her report on The Universal Design Institute's Grant for Housing Rehabilitation. Ms. Wade stated that the total grant award is \$50,000. Up to \$8,000 per home can be spent for the physically disabled. If two residents are disabled the award is up to \$16,000. These grants are used to widen doorways, build ramps, make restrooms more accessible and more.

Glenda Battle asked Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to give the August 2017 financial report. Ms. Angell reported that the General Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of \$28,295.51. The General Fund's ending fund balance was \$382,758.32. The FY18 minimum unassigned fund balance is \$321,693.26. The Revolving Loan Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of a little under \$1,300 which brings the fund balance to \$295,331.25. Ms. Angell stated that the year to date excess of revenues over expenditures for the year of the Regional Transit Program is \$4,581.07 and the ending fund balance is \$156,904.77. The defined benefit Pension Trust Fund had a year to date gain on investments for the year of \$13,600.73. Freddie Grimsley made a motion to accept the August 2017 financial report and Dwight Hickman seconded the motion; all agreed.

Executive Director Robert McDaniel let the council know that The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions Conference registrations are due by the end of the meeting. Mr. McDaniel then let the council know that there needed to be an agreement on when the November/December meeting will be held. Mitchell Blanks motioned that December 7<sup>th</sup> be accepted for the November/December council meeting. Anthony Jones seconded the motion. Al Hutchins was a nay and the rest of the council present were ayes. The November/December council meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Glenda Battle mentioned that the next Council meeting would be held at the Regional Commission meeting room October 26, 2017. Randy Hill made a motion to adjourn. Billy Poppell seconded the motion; all agreed.



Glenda Battle, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary