

## Executive Director's Monthly Report – April 2022

- **Annual Report** – We are excited to release our FY21 Annual Report. Please take a few minutes to review SWGRC's accomplishments in FY21.
- **Rural Partners Network** – We are excited to announce that SWGRC was one of three organizations selected to be a community network partner for the USDA Regional Partners Network (RPN) Program. Chairman Nagy, Vice-Chair Jones, Barbara Reddick and I attended the RPN GA Stakeholder Roundtable on Thursday, April 21. I have enclosed a copy of the Press Release by USDA, an RPN informational sheet and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) for the RPN program. The Council will consider approval of the MOA presented by USDA at the Council meeting.
- **RLF CARES Program** – We currently have disbursed ten microloans totaling \$385,000, or 77% of the \$500,000 fund. A \$40,000 loan was closed on April 20 for a restaurant in Worth County. We do have one loan application currently under review. If application is found to be complete, it will be reviewed by the RLF Loan Board in May.
- **Annual Work Program and Grant Writing/Administration** – Please review the updated FY22 Work Program & Activities in your packet.
- **Final Legislative Report** – I am including the final legislative report from the Georgia General Assembly from this year's session.
- **HB 1180** – The bill to change the composition of Regional Commission Councils did not get introduced on the Senate floor and has therefore died for lack of action.
- **GDOT Regional Transit Development Plan Assistance Program** – We are continuing to work with GDOT and AECOM on the Regional Rural Transit Plan and have been providing information to them and having regular meetings. Our first Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26. Invitations were sent out to persons identified as potential committee members. The public meeting has been changed to a virtual forum to be announced in May.
- **FY22 Budget Amendment** - The Executive Committee reviewed the FY22 Budget Amendment in March and has recommended it to the full Council. The amendment was emailed and mailed out after the last Council meeting so that all Council members had a chance to review before it was voted on. I have had one question, which was answered. I would like to make one change to the amended budget before it is adopted. On page 3, the Capital Outlay for Vehicle Match is listed as 107,483.80. This amount is for the required match for FY23 vehicle replacements. I would like to take that amount out of the FY22 budget and put it in the FY23 budget, since it is an actual FY23 expense. Since we were required to pay it early, we will hold it in a prepaid (liability) account and then charge the expense account in FY23 (July 2022). I have included a revised budget amendment in your council packet reflecting this change. The amendment with this change will be further reviewed at the April Council meeting and the Council will consider approval. If you have any questions about the budget amendment, please do not hesitate to contact me before the meeting.
- **Payroll Software** – We are in the process of implementing our new payroll software and it has gone live.

**Meetings Attended:**

- April 4 – Rural Partners Network Pilot Program Meeting
- April 7 – GARC Executive Director’s Meeting
- April 12 – Regional Transit Development Plan Meeting with GDOT/AECOM
- April 18 – GARC Transportation Group Meeting
- April 19 – GDOT Cost Allocation Webinar
- April 20 – RLF Loan Closing

**Upcoming Meetings to note:**

- April 26 – SWGRC Transit Provider Meeting
- April 26 – SWG Transit Development Plan Project Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 28 – May 1 – ACCG Annual Conference (Savannah)
- May 1-3 GARC Economic Development Conference (Lake Lanier Islands)
- May 3-6 – Suzanne Vacation
- May 10 – Regional TDP Meeting w/ GDOT & AECOM
- May 19 – DCA Regional Roundtable

**If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at your convenience! Thank you for your support!!**

**Suzanne**