

# MINUTES

## **FULL BOARD MEETING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM APRIL 26, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernest Riley, Dennis Claramunt, Eddie Moore, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, Grady Butler, Don Godbey, Dan Rawls, Gaye Sprague, Thomas Alexander, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Jeff Martin, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta Smith, Junie White, and Jan Scalisi.

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandra Ligon, SC Human Affairs Commission; and David Mueller, Appalachian Development Corporation.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Carol Andersen, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, Carolyn Breeze, Glenda Manigault, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Riley. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the March 22, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **South Carolina Human Affairs Commission**

Ms Ligon provided an overview of the Human Affairs Commission and discussed opportunities and benefits of establishing county-level commissions. She stated that the SC Human Affairs Law enacted in 1972 created the SC Human Affairs Commission. The law was implemented to promote harmony and improvement of human affairs in South Carolina and to allow for maximum development of the state economically, educationally and socially. The Commission's primary activities include investigating and attempting to resolve charges alleging unlawful discrimination; monitoring the employment practices and affirmative action efforts of state government agencies; providing training and technical assistance to employers and others who seek to comply with the human affairs laws; and conducting a study of problems that threaten the objectives of the law, in order to promote better community relations and interracial harmony. Ms. Ligon stated that Anderson, Greenville, and Spartanburg counties have active county level commissions. She encouraged the implementation of commissions in the other three counties.

### **Overview of the 208 Regional Water Quality Management Plan**

Mr. Bentley stated that the City of Wellford has requested an amendment to the 208 Regional Water Quality Management Plan, which could come before the Board for action in May. The purpose of the presentation at today's meeting was to provide background information to help prepare the Board for next month's action. To help prepare the board members, Mr. Bentley provided an overview of the management plan. He stated that ACOG was designated by the Governor in 1975 and was responsible for developing the first 208 plan for the region, which was completed in 1978 and last updated in 1998.

As the designated Planning Agency, the COG has several responsibilities: Updating the plan; reviewing NPDES permits to ensure they are in conformance with the 208 plan; providing technical assistance when possible to local treatment providers; conducting studies if needed; and facilitating the Advisory Committee who will be taking the lead in updating the plan.

Mr. Bentley stated that Wellford has requested an amendment to the plan. He stated that the request will first go to the Regional Water Quality Advisory Committee for a recommendation that would come to the Board at their May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Report from the Finance Committee**

Mr. Pelissier stated that the Finance Committee had met on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and approved three items to be recommended to the full board for action. 1. FY 2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendments. Mr. Pelissier stated that projected revenues have risen slightly; the proposed expenditures are also increasing. Staff is anticipating revenues to exceed expenditures by approximately \$15,000.

On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mayor White, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation. 2. Re-allocations to Designated Fund Balances. ACOG's total fund balance equals \$1,735,544. Mr. Pelissier stated that at the end of each fiscal year, the Board assigns excess revenue to either the Unassigned Fund Balance, or a particular fund. The recommendation is to re-allocate money among assigned funds. On motion by Senator Alexander, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation. 3. Selection of an Audit Firm to Serve the Agency for the Period of FY 2013 – 2015. Mr. Pelissier stated that since the agency's current auditor, McKinley, Cooper and Associates, has performed well, the primary discussion was whether the benefits of having a firm with strong familiarity of the agency outweigh the benefits of having a new firm with a different perspective. The committee is recommending retaining the current CPA firm for the next three years. On motion by Senator Alexander, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

#### **Recognition of Employees with at Least 30 Years Service with ACOG**

As a new initiative, the Board recognized three employees who have over 30 years of service with ACOG. Chairman Riley recognized Glenda Manigault for 38 years of service, Debbie Courson for 32 years of service, and Carolyn Breeze for 31 years of service.

#### **South Carolina Legislative Report**

Mr. Burns provided an overview of issues of importance to local governments that are being addressed during the 2013 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Burns stated that there are bills being considered that would exempt companies that manufacture products sold out of the state from having a business license; require demolishing vacant building or rehabilitating them; move elections to the Secretary of State and use Local Government Funds to fund it, amend Code of Laws relating to powers of municipalities; guns in establishments that serve alcohol; ethics reform; and road maintenance.

#### **Committee Assignments for 2013-2014**

Chairman Riley announced committee assignments for the upcoming year. (Please see attached).

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Chairman

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COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING AND  
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.