

## **MINUTES**

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judy Gilstrap, Wallace Shaw, Ed Elliott, Dennis Claramunt, Rick Laughridge, Bob Waldrop, J.W. Sanders, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Don Godbey, Bennie Cunningham, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, Neil Smith, Rep. Mike Forrester, O'Neal Mintz, Jane Hall, Bob Briggs, Elbert Tillerson, and Loretta Smith.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Becky Hall, Dirk Reis, Dave Mueller, Carol Andersen, Chip Bentley, Jennifer Vissage, Aliza Tourkow, Samantha Jackson, and Debbie Courson.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mayor Carol Burdette, Town of Pendleton; Sheriff John Skipper, Anderson County; Ray Orvin, Executive Director, ReWa; Blake Visson, IT Director, Upstate Roundtable Task Force.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwomen Gilstrap. The invocation was offered by Rev. Sanders. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mintz, the minutes of the August 28, 2009, meeting was unanimously approved.

**Upstate Roundtable Twenty-Year Strategic Plan for Wastewater Treatment in the Enoree, Reedy, and Saluda River Basins**

Mr. Visson, IT Director of the Upstate Roundtable Task Force, stated that the consortium had recently completed a draft long range plan for wastewater treatment in the Enoree, Reedy, and Saluda river basins, which encompass all of Greenville County, as well as portions of Anderson, Pickens, and Spartanburg counties.

He stated that the goal was to develop a 20-year plan to ensure that adequate sewer infrastructure is in place to provide for growth and development in the area served by ReWa in the Reedy, Saluda, and Enoree river basins. The initiative updates the 1994 Strategic Planning Process that provided the Upstate Roundtable Plan for 2015. The last steps are to incorporate the recommendations into the area's 208 Water Quality Plan and to develop an implementation plan.

The Plan will be reviewed by the ACOG Regional Water Quality Committee, which will come back with a recommendation for full Board action at the October meeting.

#### **Town of Pendleton – Anderson County Sheriff's Office Partnership for Providing Law Enforcement to the Town of Pendleton**

Mayor Burdette stated that the Town of Pendleton, being a small town, continued to have issues with retaining law enforcement officers. She stated that in April 2009 the Town entered into an agreement with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office to provide general law enforcement services within the corporate limits of the Town of Pendleton. Mayor Burdette and Sheriff Skipper both agreed that the partnership has been an effective alternative for providing public safety in that community.

#### **Appalachian Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2009 Progress Report and Update**

Mr. Bentley stated that staff has completed work on the CEDS Update for 2009, which updates the full plan adopted by the Board in 2007. Staff has received endorsement of the Progress Report from each county council and is now seeking approval from the COG Board for submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Godbey, the Board unanimously approved the 2009 CEDS Update.

#### **Anderson County U.S. 29 Improvement Project APPR (Advance Project Planning Report)**

Mr. Bentley stated that the ACOG Rural Transportation Improvement Program includes a project to expand a 4.5 mile stretch of U. S. 29 in Anderson County from two lanes to five lanes. The targeted segment stretches from S.C. 8 to the S.C. 20 Connector. As a component of the engineering on a project, an APPR is produced, which outlines various aspects of the initiative. He stated that Board review and approval of the APPR is required for the project to proceed. On motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, the Board unanimously approved the U.S. 29 Improvement Project APPR.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Chair

THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS  
COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING  
AND CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.