

## MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 27, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Elliott, Renee Cariveau, Ernest Riley, Rick Laughridge, Carthel Crout, Henry Jolly, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Don Godbey, Dan Rawls, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, Jane Hall, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta Smith, and Chet Morris.

GUEST PRESENT: Brad Schneider, Appalachian Development Corporation

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Don Zimmer, Dirk Reis, Carol Andersen, Chip Bentley, Beth Lewis, Debra Brown, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the April 29, 2011, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center (SCTAC)**

Chairman Elliott stated that Jody Bryce with the SCTAC was unable to attend the meeting. He asked for Board approval to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Pelissier to discuss Workforce Investment Act in South Carolina. On motion by Mr. Culbreth, seconded by Mr. Godbey, the motion to amend the agenda was approved.

Mr. Pelissier stated that the purpose of the Workforce Investment Act is to provide business and industry with workers, provide adults with skills training, provide displaced workers and workers who have suffered a job loss with skills to become re-employed,

and to provide out-of-school youths, young adults with low skills, and non-high school graduates with skills to gain entry into employment. Components of the Workforce Investment Act are: adult employment and training, dislocated worker employment and training, trade adjustment assistance, youth employment and training, and pilot projects and special programs.

Mr. Pelissier stated that funding for the Workforce Investment Act over the past three years was \$4 billion in 2009, \$8 billion in 2010, and \$6 billion for 2011. He then discussed the structure of WIA from the Federal, State, and regional levels. WIA has 12 regions in South Carolina with the State Administrative Entity being the Department of Employment and Workforce.

Lastly, Mr. Pelissier discussed challenges with the Workforce Investment Act, which include: conflicting missions, image, small portion of funding used for training, lack of strategic thought, lack of coordination and duplication, labor sheds cross regional lines, not sure who is in charge, inherent conflict of interest on Boards, residual effect of ARRA, and the perception of being uncooperative.

### **Highlights of 2010 Census Figures for the S.C. Appalachian Region**

Ms. Andersen stated that the U.S. Census Department recently released data for South Carolina. First is the 2010 census geography, which includes sex, age, homeowner, race, and geography information. Next, is the American Community Survey, which includes annual estimates, housing, economic, social, and demographic census information.

Ms. Andersen reminded the Board that all current census data can be obtained through ACOG.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Burns provided a report on activities of the 2011 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on issues of importance to local governments, which included: budget, photo ID, immigration, transparency in government and point of sale.

### **Saluda River Wastewater Consortium – Phosphorus Trading**

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed until the next Board meeting.

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

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Chairman

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