

## MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Claramunt, Neil Smith, Joe Dill, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Cindy Wilson, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, Don Godbey, Lillian Brock Flemming, Gaye Sprague, Willis Meadows, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Margaret Thompson, Ensley Feemster, Mike Forrester, Jan Scalisi, Roger Nutt, and Thomas Foster.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michelle McCollum, President, SCNHC; Sherry Dull, SPATS; Danielle Cempcola, Michael Baker and Associates.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Don Zimmer, Dirk Reis, Tim Womack, Chip Bentley, Lance Estep, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claramunt. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Tillerson, seconded by Mr. Foster, the minutes of the March 18, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor**

Ms. McCollum stated that the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor (SCNHC) was designated by Congress in 1996 as a National Heritage area (a program of the National Parks Service). Stretching 17 counties and 320 miles across South Carolina, the SCNHC is committed to promoting and preserving the cultural, natural and historic resources of South Carolina. She discussed outdoor events, military history, African-American heritage and other interests on the corridor. She gave the Board a newly published magazine that includes all of this information as well as places to eat, places to stop, and places to stay.

### **Transportation Update and Sec. 5310 Rural and Small Urban Transit Funds Project Prioritization**

Mr. Estep gave an update on the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan 2017 – 2026. He stated that SCDOT developed a planning partnership with COGs to prioritize highway system improvements, similar to MPO's. Twenty-one of forty-two municipalities in the COG's region are covered by the rural plan. Urbanized areas are covered by the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). The plan requires updating every five years and is being updated this year. Mr. Estep stated that the updated plan should be completed and ready to present to the Board for their approval at the June meeting.

Mr. Bentley stated that the Transportation Committee had met prior to the Board meeting to finalize their recommendations for rural and small urban project funding. He stated that statewide the funding available for small urban area is \$1,109,571 and for rural areas is \$1,156,336. There was only one request for small urban funds requesting \$48,000 from Anderson County DSN Board. For rural funds there were three requests totaling \$134,400. Mr. Bentley commented that, although we don't know the anticipated funding yet, we hope to have at least two and maybe all three projects funded. Any that do not receive funding will become alternates that DOT will consider if additional funding becomes available. The Transportation Committee is recommending to the Board that that all four projects be submitted to DOT for funding. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation, with the rural projects prioritized as 1) Cherokee County DSN Board; 2) Oconee County DSN Board; 3) and Pickens DSN Board.

### **Selection of Aging Services Meal Service Providers**

Mr. Womack presented the recommendation from the Regional Aging Advisory Committee for meal providers to serve each county in the region for the term July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. He stated that four proposals were received with one being rejected because it arrived after the deadline: The Butterfly Foundation; Pickens County Meals on Wheels; and Senior Catering. He

stated that because of their experience, quality, and the relationships already established between the ACOG and these two organizations, it is recommended that contracts for meal service go to Meal on Wheels of Pickens County to serve Pickens County and to Senior Catering to serve Oconee, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Cherokee counties. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation for meal providers.

### **2016 South Carolina Legislative Update**

Mr. Burns provided an update on activities of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments, which included: roads, bathrooms, and business licenses.

### **ACOG Board Committee Assignments**

Mr. Claramunt gave the members his committee assignments for the 2016 – 17 Board term. They are attached.

There being no further business, 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.