

## MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernest Riley, Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Eddie Moore, Rick Laughridge, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott, Dennis Moss, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Don Godbey, Dan Rawls, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Larry Bagwell, Jeff Martin, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta Smith, Chet Morris, Junie White, and Jan Scalisi.

GUESTS PRESENT:

George Long, Appalachian Development Corporation; Becky Godbey, Goodwill; Perry Eichor, Mayor of Simpsonville; and Linda Edwards.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Don Zimmer, Chip Bentley, Dirk Reis, Carol Andersen, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Riley. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Scalisi, the minutes of the November 30, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Riley requested that an item be added to the agenda just prior to the Financial Statement. Mr. Dill made motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve the additional item.

Mr. Pelissier stated that this year was the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the ACOG annual audit had been prepared

by McKinley Cooper, CPA's. The question is to extend the audit to McKinley Cooper, CPA's for next year or procure for new CPA's. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, the Board unanimously approved that staff procure a firm for next year's ACOG audit.

### **Workforce Development, Training, and Employment Programs of Goodwill Industries**

Ms. Godbey stated that Goodwill Services has been around for over 100 years. They take donated items, sell them in their retail stores or online, and devote 90 cents of every dollar to their mission: job training and placement services for people in the community by helping people become independent through education and training leading to employment. She stated that training programs include: Work readiness classes, WorkKeys career readiness certification testing, opportunity for certification, case management and job placement assistance and retention assistance. Ms. Godbey stated that the training program has helped over 7,000 individuals find employment with an average wage of \$9.17 an hour. She stated that the cost for Goodwill for these classes average \$1,600 per person.

### **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, which included: Department of Administration, tax reform (exemptions), abandoned buildings, ethics reform, magistrates, budget, roads and bridges, cyber security, and early voting.

On motion by Mr. Crowder, seconded by Mr. Godbey, the Board voted unanimously to draft a resolution to the Legislative Delegation opposing the passage of H.3290 dismantling the solid waste act.

### **Report from the Board Officer Nominating Committee**

Mr. Elliott, as Chairman of the Nominating committee, stated that the committee is recommending that the current slate of officers be re-appointed, which are: Ernest Riley, Chairman; Jan Hall, Vice-Chairman, and Dennis Claramunt, Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

### **Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter**

In response to a request from Mr. Pelissier, on motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel action.

The Board unanimously approved to end the executive session. Mr. Riley reported that no action had been taken.

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Chairman Riley announced the formation of an oversight committee for the Appalachian Development Corporation. The following Board members will serve on that committee: Neil Smith, Chet Morris, and Francis Crowder.

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

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Chairman

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