

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Hall, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott, Joe Dill, Butch Kirven, Don Godbey, Lillian Flemming, Gaye Sprague, Perry Eichor, Thomas Alexander, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Neil Smith, Mike Forrester, and Jan Scalisi.

GUESTS PRESENT: Ernest Riley, former COG Board Chairman, and Brandon Leer, Business Manager, Inside Track Upstate.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Don Zimmer, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Dill. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mayor Eichor, the minutes of the February 28, 2014, meeting were unanimously approved.

Recognition of Service Provided to ACOG by Dan Rawls

Chair Hall stated that the Rawls family was not able to attend today. The Board will present them with a plaque at the April meeting.

Recognition of Service Provided to ACOG by E. Riley

Chair Hall presented Ernest Riley with a plaque for his service to the organization and his gavel for serving as Chairman.

Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Mr. Bentley discussed the MAP-21 legislation, which reorganizes and tweaks many of the federal transit programs and adds the new Enhanced Mobility title. He stated that the SC Department of Transportation has announced plans for soliciting applications for program funds for FY15. South Carolina's small urbanized areas will receive funding of \$1,084,716 and rural areas will receive \$1,108,639. These funds will support the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, and will be allocated for new and existing transit-related projects in South Carolina. Mr. Bentley stated that the Letter of Intent is due by April 1st; COG's rankings submitted to DOT on April 9th; full applications are due to DOT by April 17th; and SCDOT's final recommendations will be made on April 30th.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Pelissier stated that the Finance Committee met on February 28th to review the mid-year financial status of the agency, as well as to propose mid-year budget recommendations. Mr. Smith made motion, that since the finance committee had reviewed the information and it was included in the agenda packet, to approve the amendments without further discussion. Mayor Eichor seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments.

South Carolina Legislative Update

Mr. Pelissier provided a report on activities of the 2014 term of the SC General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments. Those items included: dilapidated buildings; budget; and sales tax for fire service providers.

Next, Chair Hall stated that due to a contractual issue, the Board needed to go into executive session. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Sprague, The Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session. She then asked that all staff members excuse themselves with the exception of Don Zimmer, who is COG Finance Director.

The executive session ended with no action taken at 12:10 p.m.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Chair

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