

## MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2015 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Neil Smith, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Cindy Wilson, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, David Cauthen, Dennis Stroupe, Lottie Gibson, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Butch Kirven, Don Godbey, Gaye Sprague, Willis Meadows, Ernest Riley, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Mike Forrester, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta, Smith, Jan Scalisi, Justin Bradley, and Roger Nutt.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Susan Aiken, Senator Scott's Office; Penny Phillips, SCDOT; Elizabeth Edwards, Rep. Duncan's Office; Lisa Bollinger and Caroline Paris, SPATS; Rep Collins; and Chad Hardaway, USC Darla Moore School of Business.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Don Zimmer, Doug Burns, Chip Bentley, Dirk Reis, Glenda Manigault, Jessica Winter, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Butler. On motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the minutes of the March 27, 2015, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Recognition of an Employee with 40 Years of Service to ACOG**

Chair Hall recognized Glenda Manigault who recently celebrated her 40th anniversary with the organization.

### **South Carolina Legislative Update**

Mr. Burns provided an overview of the 2015 South Carolina legislative session, with emphasis on matters of importance to local governments. Those items included: law enforcement body cameras and how they will be paid for, and the budget (local government fund, roads, and schools).

### **USC Darla Moore School of Business, Faber Entrepreneurship Center**

Mr. Hardaway gave the Board an update on the Faber Entrepreneurship Center. He stated that Faber Center at USC was endowed with a \$1 million gift from USC alumni to provide USC students with intensive exposure to entrepreneurial concepts, small business management training, and interaction with a network of successful entrepreneurs in South Carolina. The Center will create a formalized mechanism for perpetuating an entrepreneurial culture in the state with helping to develop, teach, and mentor those people involved in starting a small business.

He commented that the center is exploring many new ideas that will foster new entrepreneurial development and support those who have already launched new businesses. The center is devoted to activities that will foster a more vibrant entrepreneurial climate in South Carolina.

### **FY 2016 Transit Project Priorities**

Mr. Dill, Chair of the Transportation Committee, stated that this group had met to rate projects received for the DOT Section 5310 funds. Mr. Bentley stated that each year the ACOG Board of Directors has the task of approving the list of applications submitted to DOT for the 5310 Transit funding for federally designated rural and small urban areas of the ACOG region. This year, three requests for small urban funds were received totaling roughly \$139,000. There are six requests for rural funds totaling \$269,000. Mr. Bentley stated that he is expecting both of the small urban area projects and one of the rural projects to receive initial funding. The remaining projects will become alternates that DOT will consider when additional funding becomes available from the federal government. He stated that this year, DOT has asked all COG's to rank projects involving the purchase of services as the top priorities. This is to ensure that existing services are not stopped due to a funding decline. After the projects are rated, they are reviewed by the Transportation Committee, and then it goes to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Dill, as chair of the Transportation Committee, recommended that the committee rankings be approved. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the committee's recommendations. The project rankings are attachment 1.

**2015-2016 ACOG Board Committee Appointments**

Chair Hall announced the committee appointments for a term running from May 2015 through April 2016. The committee appointments are attachment 2.

**Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Pelissier stated that the Executive Committee Retreat will be held Friday, June 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in the COG offices.

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

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