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FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Neil Smith, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott Rufus Foster, David Cauthen, Dennis Stroupe, Don Godbey, Lillian Flemming, Gaye Sprague, Willis Meadows, Ernest, Riley, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Larry Bagwell, Margaret Thompson, Ensley Feemster, Jan Scalisi, Roger Nutt, and Thomas Foster.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Charlene Carter, Blacksburg City Administrator; Harold Shapiro, SC Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Manager at Catawba COG; Madison Cooper, Sen. Graham's Office; and Sonja Crandle with Downtown Williamston.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Don Zimmer, Doug Burns, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, David Shellhorse, Tim Womack, Jessica Winters, Jennifer Hardee, Kensey Burckhalter, Sandy Dunagan, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Scalisi, the minutes of the June 26, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Recognition of an Employee who recently celebrated Her 10th Anniversary with ACOG

Chair Hall recognized Jessica Winters, ACOG's Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman, for her 10 years of services to our Upstate aging population.

SC Brownfields Revolving Fund

Mr. Harold Shapiro, Manager of Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund, gave a brief presentation on this loan fund program. He stated that this revolving loan fund is available to finance environmental cleanup and removal activities at brownfield sites across South Carolina. For non-profit and governmental borrowers, 30% of a loan, up to \$200,000, may be forgiven. For-profit borrowers may be eligible to receive these loans at below market interest rates. The Revolving Loan Fund is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and Catawba COG is the fund manager for the program.

Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2015 Annual Progress Report

Mr. Shellhorse stated that for projects to be eligible for US EDA grant funding, they must be identified as a priority in a CEDS. ACOG is the designated agency for developing and maintaining the CEDS covering the SC Appalachian region. ACOG staff has been monitoring the progress of projects identified in the 2013-2018 CEDS. Mr. Shellhorse provided an overview of findings and a summary of recommended amendments to the goals and priorities of the plan. Staff is currently briefing each county council on the CEDS Progress Report and is seeking their endorsement. The item will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

Community Development Block Grants Awarded to Communities in the Appalachian region Through the Statewide Spring, 2015 Competitive Program

Mr. Reis stated that the ACOG staff had submitted eight applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program funds. He announced that all eight applications were funded. The following cities and counties received funding: The City of Chesnee, for \$171,250; the City of Belton for \$200,000; the Town of Pendleton for \$750,000; the City of Pickens for \$242,285; Anderson County for \$627,488; the City of Easley for \$650,000; Pickens County for \$133,913; and the City of Westminster for \$292,558.

Approval of Service Providers for Senior Transportation Services in Cherokee, Greenville, and Pickens Counties for FY 2016

Mr. Dill, Chairman of the Regional Aging Advisory Committee, stated that the committee met on August 26, 2015, to review proposals for Senior Transportation Services and was presenting their recommendations on the providers for Board approval. Mr. Dill stated that the committee's recommendations are as follow: In Cherokee County, the recommended transportation provider is Senior Centers of Cherokee County; in Greenville County the recommended transportation provider is Senior Action; and in Pickens County the recommended

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transportation provider is Able Care. The Board voted unanimously to approve the ommittee's recommendations.

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

CHAIR

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