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## AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 – 10:30 AM  
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES  
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

### ZOOM LINK

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84491889266?pwd=cXBtSWp2MzYxS3ZnZVpDK2lxNDIvUT09>  
Meeting ID: 844 9188 9266 - Passcode: 192792 - Dial In Number (301) 715 8592

#### 10:30

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of August 26, 2022 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D. June 30, 2022 and August 31, 2022 Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

#### 10:35

- II. Introduction of a New ACOG Employee – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

#### 10:40

- III. Conestee Nature Preserve – Mr. Michael Corley, Executive Director, Conestee Nature Preserve (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Conestee Nature Preserve is a 640 acre non-profit owned and operated wildlife sanctuary located five miles south of downtown Greenville. It preserves open space, provides access to an area of natural beauty, and provides unique opportunities for learning and exploration. (Section 3, Board Packet)

**11:10**

**IV. South Carolina Office of Resilience – Mr. Ben Duncan, Chief Resilience Officer, SC Office of Resilience (Section 4, Board Packet)**

Briefing: The SC Office of Resilience (SCOR) was established in September 2020. Its purpose is to increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to property, suffering, and hardship. It accomplishes this mission, by lessening the impact of future disasters. SCOR serves the state through housing recovery following a federally declared disaster, mitigation against future flood risks, and resilience planning. Mr. Duncan will address the organization’s mission and services and will discuss how SCOR can serve Upstate communities.

**11:35**

**V. ACOG SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) – Ms. Kim Reyes, SHIP Counselor (Section 5, Board Packet)**

Briefing: The SHIP program provides seniors with counseling on Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance. The program also helps seniors when they have a dispute with their insurance company. This service provides the most direct interaction between ACOG staff and the public of any program offered by the agency. The annual open enrollment period for Medicare coverage runs from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December, 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Reyes will provide an overview of Medicare related insurance and the ACOG SHIP program.

**11:50**

**VI. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director**

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**VII. Member Reports – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director**

Briefing: Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.

**12:00**

**VIII. Adjourn**