

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Clemson Extension Edisto Research Building – Blackville, SC

Thursday, May 12, 2022

6:00 PM

			County Representatives	Alternates
Chairman	David Kenner (P)	Aiken	Willar Hightower(A)	Danny Feagin (E)
Vice Chairman	James Haigler (P)	Allendale	Theresa Taylor (E)	William Robinson(P)
Treasurer	Michael Butler (A)	Bamberg	Jerry Bell (P)	Clint Carter (-)
Past Chairman	Andrew Siders (A)	Barnwell	Thomas L. Williams(P)	Jason Stapleton (-)
		Calhoun	Roger Hill (P)	John McLauchlin (-)
		Orangeburg	Harry Wimberly (E)	Vernon Stephens (P)
Minority Members:				
Janie Cooper-Smith (P)		Freddie Houston (-)		
Larry Cohen (P)		Deloris Frazier (P)		
Gerald Wright (P)		Sharon Hammond (-)		

Other Board Members Present:

LSCOG staff present: Dr. William Molnar, Nora Sanders, Frances Owens, Nicole Davis
 Guests: Richard Hall (Calhoun County), Leticia Walker (Orangeburg County)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Kenner called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Mr. James Haigler gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Dr. William Molnar (Executive Director) conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

AMEND AGENDA AND APPROVE

Chairman Kenner requested the agenda be amended to include appointing the nomination committee for the incoming treasurer.

Mr. William Robinson made a motion to amend and approve the agenda and seconded by Mr. James Haigler.
The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chairman Kenner presented the January 13, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Thomas L. Williams. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

BUDGET AMENDMENT REVIEW FOR FY 2021-2022

Ms. Frances Owens, LSCOG, Finance Director, presented the proposed budget amendment for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and requested approval to send the amendment to the full board.

Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendment and present to the full board. Seconded by Ms. Deloris Frazier. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

BUDGET REVIEW FOR FY 2022-2023

Ms. Frances Owens, LSCOG, Finance Director, presented the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and requested approval to send the proposed budget to the full board.

Mr. Bill Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed budget and submit to the full board for approval. Seconded by Ms. Deloris Frazier. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Kenner proposed the nominating committee comprised of Thomas L. Williams (chair), Larry Haynes and Clint Carter. Mr. Gerald Wright made a motion to approve the nominating committee members. Seconded by Mr. Haigler. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SYNOPSIS

Dr. Molnar presented the Executive Director's Report -

- Roof – The engineers and the attorney are working on the contract.
- Aging Division – Dr. Molnar explained the recent issue with senior meals and how the COG was planning to move forward. Assistant Human Services Director Ms. Susan Garen is acting as interim, working with the RAAC and our COA partners.
- Legislative Update – The state budget conference committee is projected to be finished next month. The House and Senate have two (2) different budget numbers for the 10 COGs - \$1m and \$550k (our usual allocation split between the 10 COGs). We also have a \$1M proviso in both House and Senate bills. These funds are to be split among all 10 COGs. We are seeking better ways to improve the formulas so we can better fund our rural areas.
- SCCOG Conference – We are hosting this year's annual conference in Myrtle Beach, SC., November 20-22. We plan to invite the new House and Senate leaders so they can see what the COGs do.
- ARP/RIA – We are hiring a new grant writer to handle all ARP/RIA water/sewer projects. We will hold regional meetings in July for our counties and municipalities.
- Job Fairs – The Youth Forums

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Deloris Frazier. Chairman Kenner adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND A NOTICE OF THE MEETING POSTED ON LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.