



Board of Director's Meeting

Via Zoom

August 9, 2021- 6:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present

Clarendon County: Benton Blakely, Kevin Johnson, Shirley Keels, Julia Nelson,

Lee County: Jackie Josey, Will Wheeler,

Sumter County: Eugene Baton, Steve Corley, Jay Davis, Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney, Roland Robinson, Chuck Wilson, Earl Wilson, David Merchant, David Weeks

Kershaw County: Alfred Mae Drakeford, Julian Burns, Brad Hanley, Kenneth McCaskill Jeffrey Graham John Lee, Sammie Tucker

Members Absent

Lee County: Grady Brown

Clarendon: Dwight Stewart

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Julia Nelson called the meeting to order at
2. **Invocation:** Mrs. Vivian McGhaney provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Executive Director Christopher McKinney led the pledge, and all attendees participated.
4. **Quorum Determination:** The Board Clerk, Linda Jackson, informed Chairman Nelson a quorum had been reached.
 - a. Executive Director McKinney introduced the new board member and Chairman Nelson welcomed them.
5. **Agenda Adoption:** Chairman Nelson called a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jeffery Graham made the motion to adopt the agenda, and Mrs. Vivian McGhaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Mr. Eugene Baten made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Sammie Tucker seconded the motion, The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Presentations: There were no public presentations.

8. Staff Reports

a. Finance:

Mrs. Rachel Katorkas provided the update which ran through the end the end of Fiscal Year 2020-2021. As noted in the report, the amounts shown are subject to additional year-end adjustments prior to presentation of final audited financial statements. At the time of preparation, we had booked about 74% of budgeted revenue and expended 85% of budgeted expenses. We will have more in additional revenue to book for FY20-21 and expect only a minimal amount of additional expenses to book.

b. Health and Human Services: N/A

c. Government Services: Dennis Cyphers

Mr. Dennis Cyphers provided numerous grant updates that were sent out via email by Executive Director McKinney on 8.10.2021. Mr. Cyphers also provided a comprehensive update on the current technical assistance agreements across all four counties.

d. Workforce: Ms. Areatha Clark provided an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) services are available to be provided to regional business. She also provided an update on the current unemployment numbers for South Carolina.

Mrs. Penry Gustafson asked about when were the 9,000 individuals that have been reemployed put back to work. Ms. Clark responded the numbers were from the month of June. Mr. McKinney wanted to clarify that the individuals that Santee-Lynches has put back into work are not the ones with barriers but individuals do not have any barriers and were out of work and Santee-Lynches put them back into work.

9. Committee Reports: Chairman Nelson reported out that the Executive Committee discussed returning to in-person meeting. She had Executive Director McKinney explain the challenges caused by the lack of adequate space for social distancing and the lack of equipment. It was the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the board will continue to meet via Zoom until the COVID-19 numbers are lower.

10. Ratification of RDC Bylaws Revision: Mr. Jeffery Graham informed the Board that there were some minor adjustments to the bylaws. The main change was for members to meet electronically as well as to cast votes electronically. Before the RDC can make the change official, it first must be approved by the COG Board. He provided an overview of the changes approved by the RDC Board. The motion was made and seconded by the RDC Board. Chairman Nelson called for a vote to adopt the bylaws and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director McKinney provided a recap of the genesis of the CDBG-CV funding and an update. He stated we were still waiting on approval from SC Department of Commerce for the dedicated funding for the school buses and that we had submitted 3 grants for the competitive funding.

He also made a presentation on potentially using infrastructure funds to incentivize electronic vehicle charging station.

12. Executive Session: Mrs. Vivian McGhaney made the motion to enter executive session and was seconded by Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Vivian McGhaney made the motion to exited executive session and was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Chairman's Remarks: There were no remarks for Chairman Nelson.

14. Adjourn: Mr. Jeffery Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Sammie Tucker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Linda Jackson
Board Clerk

Approved by:

Christopher H. McKinney
Executive Director