



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Via Zoom  
June 7, 2021 – 6:00 pm**

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Clarendon County: Julia Nelson, Dwight Stewart, Sen. Kevin Johnson  
Lee County: Travis Windham, Grady Brown, Will Wheeler  
Sumter County: Steve Corley, Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney

**Members Absent:**

Kershaw County: Alfred Mae Drakeford, Jeffery Graham, Sammie Tucker, Jr.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Vivian McGhaney called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.
2. **Invocation:** Chairman McGhaney provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman McGhaney led the pledge of allegiance and all attendees participated.
4. **Quorum Determination:** Board Clerk, Linda Jackson, determined there was a quorum 9 of 12 Executive Committee members were present.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** Travis Windham made a request to amend the agenda to add an item to line 8 to include an explanation of reimbursement of funds from the COG to the City of Bishopville for the CDBG Grants. Travis Windham provided the motion after discussion to adopt the amended agenda. Dwight Stewart seconded the motion. Seven (7) voted for the amended agenda and two (2) voted against it.
6. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Julia Nelson made a motion to adopt the minutes and the motion was seconded by Jim McCain. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Nominating Committee Update:** Mr. Jim McCain presented the new slate of officers to serve from June 2021 to June 2023. Board Chair: Julia Nelson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Sammy Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rep. Will Wheeler. Mr. Jim McCain made a motion to accept the new slate of officers to serve from June 2021 to June 2023 and was second by Travis Windham. **The motion passed unanimously.**
8. **Kershaw County Delegation Update:** Executive Director Chris McKinney informed the board that the COG made several attempts to contact Rep. Dabney to set up a meeting to discuss the COG but has had no success. There was a discussion by the executive committee and the Executive Director stated, he would give Rep. Dabney ample time to respond before reaching out to Senator Gustafson, who has expressed great interest in serving on the COG Board.
  - a. **City of Bishopville CDBG Grant:** Mr. Grady Brown requested that Executive Director McKinney provide an updated report on the status of the reimbursement of the grants the

COG is administering on behalf of the City of Bishopville and in particular the status of reimbursement of \$948,000 from the contingency account owed to the City of Bishopville. Mr. Grady Brown stated that the City of Bishopville paid the COG for Admin fees in July and August of 2020 and has not seen any reimbursement of funds. Executive Director McKinney was not prepared to respond to the request as it was known prior to the meeting, but he assured the committee that staff will have an updated report, to explain what the issues are with the City of Bishopville grants.

9. **CDBG-CV Grant Update:** Executive Director Chris McKinney reminded the Executive Committee that we have guaranteed funds to equip all school buses with Far UVC equipment, however it is a very arduous process. He stated the COG is in the process of applying for funding to help Pinewood, Manning, and Lee County with county projects, but there is no guarantee that we will receive the funds.
10. **Workforce Update:** Executive Director stated that there will not be an update for this meeting. He needed to gather more information.
11. **COG Building Discussion:** Executive Director McKinney informed the board that Mayor Drakeford is the chair of the Building Committee. Due to COVID-19, the pursuit of funding for a building was put on hold. There is not a defined path forward at present. The Executive Director informed the board that there may be a possibility to utilize funds from a future infrastructure bill.
12. **Discussion on Resumption of In-Person Meetings:** The Board decided to Poll the entire COG Board to see how they feel about going back to in person meetings, and to ask the Board members in the poll if they have completed their vaccination. Mr. McKinney informed the board that the new CDC guidelines approved that you can be inside a building if you are vaccinated. The board was informed that the COG does not have the proper equipment to be hybrid, after question was asked by Mr. Stewart.
13. **Executive Session:** Dwight Stewart made a motion to enter Executive Session and it was seconded by Julia Nelson to discuss a matter related to an employee. Jim McCain made a motion to come out of Executive Session and it was seconded by Dwight Stewart. Chairman McGhaney reported that no actions were taken during the executive session.
14. **Adjournment:** Julia Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was second by Jim McCain. All were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Christopher H. McKinney  
CEO/Executive Director