



**Executive Committee  
Via Zoom  
September 13, 2021- 5:00pm**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

**Clarendon County:** Kevin Johnson, Julia Nelson

**Lee County:** Grady Brown, Travis Windham

**Sumter County:** Steve Corley, Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney

**Kershaw County:** Alfred Mae Drakeford, Sammie Tucker, Jeffrey Graham

**Member Absent:**

**Clarendon County:** Dwight Stewart, Will Wheeler

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Julia Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.
2. **Invocation:** Executive Director Christopher McKinney provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Executive Director Christopher McKinney led the pledge of allegiance and all attendees participated.
4. **Quorum Determination:** The Board Clerk, Linda Jackson, informed Chairman Nelson we had reached a quorum with 10 of 12 board members present.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chairman Julia Nelson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jim McCain made the motion and Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Chairman Julia Nelson called for a motion to approve the August 9, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Jim McCain made the motion; Mr. Travis Windham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **CDBG-CV Grant Update:** Executive Director Christopher McKinney provided an update on three different grant applications submitted under the CDBG-CV funding from the Department of Commerce. He stated the grant was to provide Far-UV Light Technology on our school buses was moving along slowly. Prior to starting installation, state owned buses (all but 17 of the 331 buses) must have state engineer approve. The COG has scheduled an installation demo for all four school districts and the state bus engineers. This is a \$858,438 grant with no matching funds required.

Mr. McKinney also mentioned there had been a conversation with the Department of Commerce and they indicated the lead county may have to pay for the project up front and get reimbursed at the end. This was not mentioned at the beginning of the process and staff has communicated this will place a very heavy burden on our rural counties. Mr. McKinney is waiting to get a response regarding other options and will advise the committee if they need to engage.

Mr. McKinney gave an update of the grant for the aging facilities which will install walk-in freezers in each county in addition to a building generator, which will make the facilities more hurricane proof as no food will be wasted during power outages. This was a competitive grant and was approved for \$521,196 with no matching funds required.

Lastly, the COG applied for a grant to put a park with a basketball court, benches, and playground equipment in Pinewood. The requested grant amount is \$202,183. If awarded this grant also would require no matching funds.

There are \$3M in competitive CDBG-VC funds. We presently have been awarded \$1,379,634 of the funding (46%). If we receive the Pinewood grant (things look favorable) this will amount to \$1,581,817 (53% of the competitive funding).

8. **Executive Session:** Chairman Julia Nelson entertained a motion to come go into Executive Session, Mrs. Vivian McGhaney made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a matter related to an employee, in an accordance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) of South Carolina Code and was seconded by Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Julia Nelson entertained a motion to come out of Executive Session, the motion made by Mrs. Vivian McGhaney and seconded by Mr. Jim McCain. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Chairman's Remarks: None.

10. Adjourn: Mrs. McGhaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jim McCain seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



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Linda Jackson  
Board Clerk

Approved by:



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Christopher H. McKinney  
Executive Director