



**Executive Committee
Meeting Via Zoom
March 1, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present

Clarendon County: Dwight Stewart, Sen. Kevin Johnson, Julia Nelson
Kershaw County: Alfred Mae Drakeford, Jeffery Graham, Sammie Tucker
Lee County: Travis Windham, Grady Brown, Will Wheeler
Sumter County: Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney

Members Absent:

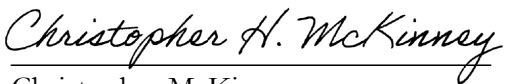
Kershaw County: Sammie Tucker
Sumter County: Steve Corley,

1. **Welcome and Call to Order: Vice** Chairman Julia Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
2. **Invocation:** Mr. McKinney provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Quorum Determination:** Vice Chairman Nelson determined there was a quorum 11 of 12 Executive Committee members were present.
5. **Adoption of Agenda (M):** Vice Chairman Julia Nelson made a motion to adopt the agenda and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Graham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Request for charts from Executive Session:** Mr. Christopher McKinney reported that there had been a request for charts presented during the last executive session. Mr. McKinney was not sure complying with the request was legal, so he consulted with legal counsel at the MASC and SCAC. Both attorneys gave similar advice. They advise that he did not have to provide information, but the person could make a Freedom of Information Act request and the agency would have to go through the required procedures to respond to the request. They also advised Mr. McKinney could remove all information that could be used to identify employees and provide the aggregate data. He chose this option.
7. **Broadband Strategic Partnerships (FTC and TruVista):** Mr. McKinney advise he will be reaching out to FTC and TruVista to explore their interest in a strategic partnership. If the current broadband proviso in the senate passes, there may be grant monies that the broadband

companies can apply for to reduce their out-of-pocket expenditures in their efforts to deploy broadband solutions.

8. **CDBG – CV Grants:** Mr. McKinney gave an update on the CDBG-CV funding opportunity to deploy UVC light systems in school and on school buses utilizing the \$858K that was approved by the board during the last Board meeting. Mr. McKinney advised that a contract price has been negotiated to outfit all 331 school buses. He also advised that he planned to apply for competitive funds to install the systems in one primary entrance at every school. He also has a plan to equip all Santee Wateree RTA buses, the congregate meal sites and Councils on Aging buses with the UVC Light system as well.
9. **Regional Infrastructure Discussion:** Mr. McKinney informed the group that he would like to conduct preliminary planning to evaluate and have projects ready to execute when the Biden Administration and congress pass an infrastructure bill. He stated that from his research, collaborative regional projects stand a better chance of getting funded. Mr. Johnson emphasize that a regional approach is very important to be competitive. Mrs. Drakeford encouraged Mr. McKinney to start having conversations with the City Managers and County Administrators. Mr. Stewart suggested staff look into a former regional water & waste water treatment plant plan.
10. **Executive Director's Report:** Mr. McKinney stressed the importance of the Executive Committee meeting monthly, to stay abreast of activities at the COG.
11. **Chairman's Remarks:** Chairman McGhaney agrees with meeting every month and commend Mr. McKinney for always keep the committee informed.
12. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** April 5,2021 a t6:00pm
13. **Adjournment:** Chairman McGhaney closed the meeting with a moment of silence for those who have suffered losses and for those who are going through due to COVID- 19. Jim McCain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm and second by Dwight Stewart. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher McKinney
CEO/Executive Director