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Executive Committee Meeting

Monday August 7, 2023

5:00pm

USC Sumter, WBE Administration Building Bultman Conference

Room 2nd floor Room 301

200 Miller Road

Sumter, SC 29150

Members Present in Person:

Clarendon County: Senator Kevin Johnson

Kershaw County: Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr.,

Lee County: Councilman Travis Windham, Councilman Wayne Hancock

Sumter County: Councilman Jim McCain

Members on Zoom:

Clarendon: Councilman Dwight Stewart

Kershaw County: Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mr. Jeffery Graham

Lee County: Representative Will Wheeler

Sumter: Councilwoman Vivian McGhaney

Members Absent:

Sumter County: Councilman Steve Corley

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr called the meeting to order at

5:10pm.

2. **Invocation:** Mr. Sammie Tucker provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Quorum Determination:** Linda Jackson determined there was a quorum.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. called for a motion to adopt the agenda; Mr. Jim McCain called for an amendment to the agenda to add item C under New business to accept the new COG Board member from Lee County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Johnson. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. called for the motion for the approval of the previous meeting of 6.05.2023. The motion was made by Ms. Alfred Mae Drakeford, it was seconded by Mr. Travis Windham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **COG Board Meeting (In person):** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. informed the committee that he did not mind the committees meeting on Zoom, but he feels that the Boards will be more effective if the meeting was in person, due to technology issues during the meeting. Mr. Jim McCain, and Mr. Kevin Johnson favored the meetings being in person due to the complications with technology during the meetings. Mr. Kevin Johnson stated that he understood meeting via Zoom if an individual was ill or had an emergency. Mr. Jeffery Graham informed the Board that the policy was changed to approve Zoom meeting to accommodate the meeting via Zoom during COVID. Mr. Tucker indicated that the policy needs to be reviewed to only allow Zooms for specific reasons, not for convenience. Mr. Will Wheeler indicated that it would almost need to be removed from the policy, Mr. Graham recommended that the ability to use Zoom option should not be removed completely from the policy. Everyone agreed that the Committees should be able to meet via Zoom, but the entire COG Board meetings should be in person. Mr. Kevin Johnson recommended that all Executive and COG Board meetings should be converted back to an in-person meeting, at the discretion of the Board Chair if Zoom/Conference call would be an option for the meeting, all special committee meetings can remain via Zoom. Mr. Jim McCain second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Bylaws Review:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. indicated to the committee that he would like a smoother process on how the board replacement is done. Mr. Tucker stated that the nominating committee process was not clear, and it this makes it difficult to make selections of officers and members, based on the current bylaws for COG Board and Executive Committee selection process. Director Dennis Cyphers stated that he had to look back at previous minutes to determine how to select for the nominating committee because there was no consistency when making the selection for the nominating committee. Mr. Cyphers stated that the

current process will put the agency at risk when looking at federal dollars and may cause the agency to have some claw back on funding based on the current selection process in the bylaws. Chairman Sammie Tucker presented a few articles from the policy that needed to be redone regarding the nominating committee. Mr. Will Wheeler stated that in reading the current bylaws it does not make clear what the nominating committee is actually nominating. Chairman Sammie Tucker asked the committee to review the current bylaws and bring back recommendations to Executive Director at the next meeting. Mr. Will Wheeler stated that the rotation from counties needed to be clearer. All committee members agreed to review the current bylaws and make suggestions to Director Dennis Cyphers.

- c. **New COG Boad Member Selection:** Chairman Tucker informed the committee that each County has the authority to make their own selections to the COG Board. Chairman Tucker called for a motion to select the new Lee County COG Board member William Hancock to replace the previous seat of Mr. Grady Brown on the Executive Committee. The motion was made by Mr. Jim McCain and second by Mr. Travis Windham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
8. **Executive Session:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. called for a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was made by Mr. Travis Wyndham and second by Mr. Jim McCain. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

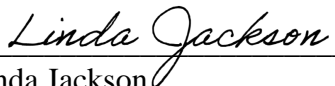
Mr. Jim McCain made the motion to exit the Executive Session, it was second by Mr. Travis Windham. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sammie Tucker indicated no action was taken during Executive Session.

9. **Chairman's Remarks:** Chairman Sammie Tucker welcomed Mr. Wayne Hancock to the Executive Committee.
10. **Adjourn:** Mr. Sammie Tucker Jr. called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Mr. Jim McCain seconded by Mr. Travis Windham. All were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting October 2, 2023 @ 5PM

Submitted by:



Linda Jackson
Board Clerk

Approve by:



Dennis Cyphers
Executive Director