MINUTES
LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL BOARD MEETING
Orangeburg County, Senior’s Recreation and Leisure Center
220 Park Street, Neeses, SC, 29107 – Orangeburg County
February 13, 2020

6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Meeting

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Dorothy Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL
The following board members were present:

Aiken County
Roger Boyd
Gary Bunker
Willar Hightower
Andrew Siders
John Simmons
Thomas H. Williams

Allendale County
Larry Cohen
Rebecca Gooding
Dorothy Riley
Bill Robinson
Dawan Smith
Theresa Taylor

Bamberg County
Jerry Bell
Sharon Hammond
Larry Haynes
Gerald Wright

Barnwell County
Freddie Houston
Ben Kinlaw
Jason Stapleton

Calhoun County
Roger Hill

Orangeburg County
Michael Butler
Janie Cooper-Smith
Heyward Livingston
Johnny Ravenell
Brad Hutto

The following board members were absent or excused:

Aiken County
Danny Feagin (A)
Lessie Price (E)
Melissa Oremus (E)

Allendale County

Bamberg County
Clint Carter (A)
Shawn Hanks (Ex)
Justin Bamberg (A)

Barnwell County
Tim Bennett (A)
David Kenner (E)
Thomas L. Williams (E)
Lonnie Hosey (A)

Calhoun County
Helen Carson-Peterson (A)
Ted Felder (E)
James Haigler (E)
David Summers (A)
Ken Westbury (A)
Russell L. Ott (A)

Orangeburg County
Vernon Stephens (A)
Harry Wimberly (E)

The following staff was present:

Dr. William Molnar
Nora Sanders
Frances Owens
Emory Langston
Yolanda Buchanan
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
Lindâ Bell Bamberg County
Deborah Boyd Aiken County
Victorine Cooper Fairfax SC
Jamie Frost SC Power Team
Rick Gleaton Neeses, SC
Bill Goodson Allendale County
Rick Gooding Allendale County
Theresa Leonard
Verna M. Ravenell Orangeburg County
Doris Wright Denmark, SC
Annie Clyde Williams Aiken County

Senator Hutto gave a brief synopsis of a few items they have been working on in the Senate. Mayor Livingston welcomed everyone to the new building and thanked Orangeburg County and Senator Hutto for their support and being at the ribbon cutting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Dr. Molnar read a resolution in honor of the passing of Silas Seabrooks a member of the board since 1991. The resolution was presented to Mr. Johnny Ravenell to pass along to the family.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Mr. Freddie Houston to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2019 full board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Bill Robinson and seconded by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
Ms. Frances Owens presented the financial report for January 2020 for information. The report was accepted as information.

PRESENTATION SC POWER TEAM
Mr. Jamie Frost, SC Power Team, gave a presentation “Who We Are and What We Do”. During his presentation he discussed what the power team is and the tools they offer to assist Economic Development in rural areas.

LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOUSING CONSORTIUM (LSRHC) 2020 Budget
Ms. Emory Langston requested approval of the continuation of the LSRHC and presented the proposed 2020 HOME Consortia projected Budget line items as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee for the LSRHC’s 2020 Annual Action Plan. Mr. Bill Robinson made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Mr. Freddie Houston. The motion carried unanimously.

NEED ASSESSMENT
Ms. Emory Langston briefly discussed the needs assessment survey instrument and the necessity to have both the community citizens and governing body leaders to fill them out and return them to LSCOG’s community development staff.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Request
Mr. Bill Robinson, Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee, presented recommendations to the Board from the TAC concerning Joe Jeffords Highway located in Orangeburg County. The motion removed four currently programmed projects in Orangeburg County from the unconstrained Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), inserted the Jeffords project into the unconstrained TIP, and elevated the Jeffords
project to the number 1 corridor project. Mr. Willar Hightower made the motion to approve and it was secnded by Ms. Janie Cooper Smith.

**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Safety Target Plan**
Dr. Molnar presented new safety target recommendations to the Board, in order to comply with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. The FHWA adopted a performance management model that places certain reporting and target setting requirements on State DOTs, MPOs and COGs. Each year, LSCOG adopts updated safety targets for motorized and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries into its Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The motioned to approve was made by Ms. Theresa Taylor and seconded by Mr. Larry Haynes. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
1. **How to increase LSCOG board member attendance?** Dr. Molnar briefly discussed concerns raised during the executive board meeting concerning how to increase board attendance at the meetings. Stated he was open to suggestions. He also continue to have concerns for senior board members driving late night to board meetings.

2. **Mobile SC Works Update:** The mobile unit is scheduled to be delivered on February 28.

3. **Census Day 2020 Reminder:** Be on the lookout for Census information coming out in mid-March.

4. **House Ways and Means Update**

5. **Loan Fund Update**

6. **Next meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020 in Barnwell**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**
When is the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting and when will the board be briefed. Dr. Molnar stated the next Ad Hoc meeting is scheduled for February 26 in Barnwell. Would brief the board shortly thereafter.

**ADJOURN**
Chairman Dorothy Riley adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND A NOTICE OF THE MEETING POSTED ON LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.