



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Meyer Alumni Center Conference Room**

ATTENDEES: Chris Coulter, Cindy Stephens, Wayne Blades, Duane Lavery, Todd Weisehan, Jerry Harman, and Bill Monday
Staff: Jason Ray, Jane Hood and Courtney Pinkham

Open Meeting – Cindy Stephens

1. Approval of July 12, 2022 Agenda

*Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Chris Coulter to approve the July 12, 2022 Agenda.
Motion carried.*

2. Approval of May 10, 2022 Minutes

*Motion made by Wayne Blades and seconded by Bill Monday to approve the May 10, 2022 Minutes.
Motion carried.*

3. RLF Committee Approval – Jason Ray

Asked the executive committee to re approve the current RLF Committee for a 2nd year. Duane Lavery asked if Tony Robyn was still at MoKan. Duane was able to research and find out that Tony Robyn was no longer with MoKan. Cindy Stephens asked if we needed someone from Great Southern on the committee since they are SMCOG's bank. Bill Monday stated we did not need to have a representative on the committee from Great Southern, all agreed.

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Jerry Harman to approve the current RLF Committee for a 2nd year. Motion carried.

4. Regional Bridge Committee Approval – Jason Ray

Presented to the committee that we had one letter of interest to represent SMCOG on the Regional Bridge Committee, Shannon Hancock. Wayne Blades stated he recommended Shannon Hancock. Duane Lavery stated he thought Miranda Beadles would do well in this position, he prefers Randy Owens, but understands the optics and thinks that Shannon Hancock would also serve well. Chris Coulter suggests for the 2nd representative from SMCOG to use the executive chair. Jason Ray suggests using the TAC chair as the 2nd.

*Motion made by Jerry Harman and seconded by Wayne Blades to appoint Shannon Hancock and Miranda Beadles as the executive appointments from SMCOG for the Regional Bridge Committee.
Motion carried.*

5. Approve Bank Transfers – Jason Ray

Reviewed the Bank Transfer that was handed out at the meeting and requested approval to transfer \$17,898.19 from the GS SMCOC Partnership Planning Account FY21 to GS SMCOC General account and to transfer \$5,084.58 from the GS EDA Revolving Loan Fund account to the GS SMCOC General account.

Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Bill Monday. Motion carried.

6. Approve Bolivar Transportation Plan Agreement – Jason Ray

Explained that we were awarded this grant back in March, but due to a typo we are just now finding out that we did receive this grant.

Motion made by Bill Monday and seconded by Chris Coulter to accept the Bolivar Transportation Plan Agreement Motion carried.

7. Approve 604(b) Engineering Agreements for Marshfield and Seymour – Jason Ray

Discussed the agreements were reviewed in the past, we are now needing to sign the contracts with the engineering firms. These projects have been delayed partially due to DNR changing which departments handled the 604(b)s. We do not have the finalized agreements from the Engineers at this time, Jason is requesting approval from the executive staff to sign the agreements when we do receive them.

Motion to allow Jason Ray to sign both 604(b) Engineering, Marshfield and Seymour motion made by Todd Weishan and seconded by Chris Coulter Motion carried. Wayne Blades abstained.

8. SMCOG /CRPM Office Relocation – Jason Ray

Discussed that MSU is wanting to move SMCOC/CRPM's office into Temple Hall as part of the renovation. They will have our offices in what is now the current Dean's Suite. The Dean is wanting to make this move partially because they would like to have a working planning office on campus as a show piece and because MSU will no longer be leasing Levy-Wolf. Jason stated he did approve of the original design concept, they allowed him to come up with his own concept. The space in Temple Hall is considerably smaller than the current space, we would not have a dedicated conference room, we will have to use open conference rooms on other floors. Jason did mention that we would need to have dedicated parking for our partners, the dean stated they would have dedicated metered parking. Jerry Harmon asked if SMCOC has it built into the budget to pay for its own place. Jason responded we do not currently, but we could build into new contracts or use indirect. Chris Coulter asked how much space SMCOC would need, Jason answered 3-5 thousand square feet. Discussion held on possible alternatives.

9. Program/Project Updates – Jason Ray

Lexi Mason is no longer working for SMCOC, her projects have been divided between staff, the position has been posted, and Jason will start interviewing soon. Chris Kempke will be going on FMLA; he will be possibly down to 15 hours a week. We have had a lot of staffing / coverage issues the past month. Jason will be posting the full-time Fiscal Officer position soon; Dorothy will be retiring at the end of the year. He has discussed with Springfield Community Gardens the possibility of sharing this position with them. EDA RLF agreement has been reviewed by our legal counsel, it has several revisions, we have a conference call with our attorney set up to go

over these revisions. TAC prioritization meeting is tomorrow. TAP application is due by this Friday, we know of 6-7 communities applying. Bolivar Transportation plan is kicking off. We are finishing up with Marshfield Transportation plan. We are currently working on several comprehensive plans and have several communities that have shown interest. We will be asking for an extension from EDA on the CEDs update due to Chris Kempke's FMLA.

10. Other Business

Harry S Truman RPC, Jason had brought to the committee at our April meeting that HSTRPC's executive director had resigned, and they had contacted SMCOG regarding a possible merger. HSTRPC situation seems to be improving and at this time will be able to self-sustain.

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Wayne Blades and seconded by Bill Monday to adjourn. Motion carried.