



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Zoom Call

ATTENDEES: Chris Coulter, Cindy Stephens, Dennis Pyle, Allen Kunkel, Steve Childers, Todd Wiesehan, Bill Monday, Jane Hood and Jason Ray

Open Meeting

Chris Coulter

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Bill Monday to approve the April 14, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of February 4, 2020 Minutes

Motion made by Bill Monday and seconded by Dennis Pyle to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of March 25, 2020 Minutes

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Allen Kunkel to approve the March 25, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Sam Rost to Transportation Advisory Board for Webster Co – Jason Ray

This fills the position that was previously held by John Benson who moved to Texas.

Motion made by Steve Childers and seconded by Dennis Pyle to appoint Sam Rost to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent Webster County. Motioned carried.

Approval of 2nd Quarter FY20 Financials – Jason Ray

Jason distributed the financials by email previous to the meeting. He reviewed them revenues are higher. Travel expenses will likely be down next quarter due to Covid-19.

Motion made by Cindy Stephens to approve the 2nd Quarter FY20 Financials and seconded by Steve Childers. Motion carried.

Discussion of Revolving Loan Fund and Long Term Recovery Committee – Jason Ray

EDA Planning Partnership grant went into effect on 4/1/20. We have putting resources into disaster & economic recovery with Covid-19 and are working with EDA for additional funding for long term recovery. This would involve a committee and a long term economic recovery coordinator which would be in place for about 2 to 3 years. This would be an EDA grant. We

are also working with EDA to establish a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and have been talking to some of our peer organizations that have RLFs. We could use the EDA Partnership Grant to offset administration cost of the RLF. We have drafted a document that describes what the RLF plan looks like, modeling off of another RPC's RLF. With a disaster declaration, EDA will fund 90 to 100% instead of the normal 50 to 60%, so now is a good time to form an RLF. Would be an on-going program, for high risk, gap financing with a private lender providing 50%, SMCOG RLF providing 40% and 10% from the applicant. SMCOG would be in second place on collateral. Fixed rate and up to 15 years. The interest paid can be used for admin and marketing or just put back into the fund. The purpose is to create or retain jobs. For profit, nonprofit or public entities would be eligible. A loan review committee would need to be created with SMCOG having final say. We are talking to regional ED organizations as well as DED. We do not see SMCOG having to contribute money to either the RLF nor the Long Term Recovery. We will keep you updated as we finish the draft proposal which would need to be approved by the Board. Allen Kunkel mentioned that Springfield Chamber used to have an RLF and that White River Valley Electric Cooperative has an RLF which was funded by USDA Rural Development. We might want to check with them for additional guidance. Staff has been keeping updated on the Federal programs that are being offered now.

Program/Project Updates – Jason Ray

- An update on the Branson flood proofing wall for their waste water treatment plant....they have been talking to DED about using CDBG funds for this project for over a year now. We have talked to EDA. The director of DED is now involved and has gotten the Governor involved.
- CDBG is wanting to change the way they determine administrative costs on contracts. It used to be a % of the award amount plus \$1. They are wanting to negotiate hourly rates now. We will need for the Board to establish hourly rates at some point.
- We will request an additional \$100,000 for the Monett demolition project. Asbestos was found so we had to do abatement.
- Working with Cox College on a Phase 2 application for EDA funds. Program report was sent to committee.

Other Business

Dennis Pyle had a question on SMCOG being selected as the 911 Regional Coordination Center and wanted to know what SMCOG will do. It is our understanding that we will be bringing them together and provide staff support, etc. We have been asked by some 911 coordinators if we could write grants for them.

Adjourn

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Steve Childers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.