



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Meyer Alumni Center Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Chris Coulter, Cindy Stephens, Wayne Blades, Duane Lavery, Todd Weisehan, Jerry Harman, Allen Kunkel, and Steve Childers
Staff: Jason Ray and Courtney Pinkham

Open Meeting – Chris Coulter

1. Approval of May 10, 2022 Agenda

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Steve Childers to approve the May 10, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval of April 12, 2022 Minutes

Motion made by Allen Kunkel and seconded by Jerry Harman to approve the April 12, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried.

3. Approve Bank Transfers –

Jason Ray reviewed the Bank Transfer that was handed out at the meeting and requested approval to transfer \$3293.76 from the GS SMCOG Partnership Planning Account FY21 to GS SMCOG General account and to transfer \$62245.35 from the GS SMCOG EDA CARES Act account to the GS SMCOG General account.

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Steve Childers. Motion carried.

4. Review Draft FY23 Budget –

Jason Ray reviewed the Draft FY23 Budget that was handed out at the meeting. He explained that Dorothy our fiscal officer is retiring at the end of December, we will be replacing her parttime position with a fulltime position, but it will be for the 2nd part of the fiscal year. Currently we have 6 interns, at the end of summer we will be going down to 5 interns. Funding for the City of Springfield to review RFL loans and legal counsel is \$15,000. Funding to MACOG for service that they negotiate on our behalf. The new grant management system is \$7500. The MoDOT contract is increasing \$16,00. EDA Cares Act supplemental is \$100,000. RFL \$20,000 for administration.

5. Review Proposals for Legal Counsel – Jason Ray

Jason referred to the three proposals for legal counsel that we received that were in the meeting packet, Bryan Fisher with Neale & Newman, Kevin Dunaway with Evans & Dixon, and Kenneth

Reynolds with Reynolds and Gold. Cindy Stephens felt Reynold and Gold did not answer questions completely. Duane Lavery felt Neale & Newman's fees were higher than what we needed. Cindy Stephens noted that Neale & Newman's fee were only good through 12/31/2022. Since the term will be 3 years, we will need to attempt to negotiate rates.

Motion to accept Neale and Newman's proposal made by Steve Childers and seconded by Duane Lavery Motion carried.

6. RLF Discussion

Jason Ray, EDA approached SMCOG last week asking if we would like to do obligate part of our Revolving Loan Funds. If we were to it would not be punitive. Jason suggests that we do obligate \$500,000 which would bring us down near the amount which we originally requested. Allen Kunkel suggested that we wait a few months to gage the interest in the loans. The board agreed that we find out from EDA if we can wait a few months to gage interest before deciding if we do obligate part of the funds.

7. Program/Project Updates -Jason Ray

Aurora Comprehensive Plan open house was last Saturday, about 30 in turnout, received good comments. We are wrapping up on Marshfield Transportation Plan. Bolivar Transportation Plan was presented and they are working on a contract. Lockwood Community Plan for sidewalks, interns will be going out into the community to plot out. City of Branson has lost the following staff, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Financial and Assistant Financial Officer. City Clerk in current interim City Administrator. We are continuing to update them, original project, and a shortfall of \$1.3 million, it is now down to \$800,000 the city has currently stated that they can cover that shortfall.

8. 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.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Cindy Stephens to adjourn. Motion carried.