

**SCOCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
February 19, 2019**

The following Council Members were present:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
John Turner, <i>Chairman</i> Ozark County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Mark Collins, <i>Vice Chairman</i> Howell County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Jeff Cowen, <i>Secretary</i> Shannon County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Zach Williams, <i>Treasurer</i> Wright County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Lance Stillings Douglas County Presiding Commissioner	_____	X
Scott Long Texas County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
George Hunt / Mayor of Koshkonong ExCom member for Oregon County area	_____	X

SCOCOG Staff Present:

Johnny Murrell	Executive Director
Cody Dalton	Assistant Director
Angie Ball	Administrative Assistant
Darci Malam	RLF Manager/Project Manager
Jerry North	Solid Waste District Coordinator
Jessica Paulk	Community Development Specialist/Emergency Planning Manager
Sarah Callahan	Grant Writer

Others Present:

Dick Salgado	Douglas County
Roy Sims	West Plains Fire Department
Herman Kelly	Shannon County Associate Commissioner
David Trotter	Birch Tree Mayor
Nick Schultz	Schultz, Wood, & Rapp, P.C.
Will Wheeler	Senator Blunt's Office

Dick Salgado was acting designee for Douglas County / Lance Stillings

John Turner called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m., and welcomed Board members and others.

Jeff Cowen moved to approve the agenda. Mark Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Executive Board minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Cowen and seconded by Mark Collins. Motion carried.

At this time, members and guests were introduced.

Review and Approval of Financials

Johnny Murrell presented the financial report for January. The General Fund Revenues for January are \$36,775, and fiscal year-to-date is \$137,973. Total Disbursements are \$40,475 and fiscal year-to-date is \$163,846. The General Fund balance is \$292,927. Total available funds are \$6232,786. Motion to accept financial report was made by Zach Williams. Mark Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Johnny Murrell presented the Monthly Cash Flow comparison through January 2019.

The Executive Board reviewed the Check Register from January of 2019. The Board members present did not find any errors within the register. Motion to approve the Check Register was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Zach Williams. Motion carried.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS – In lieu of full Staff Reports

Sarah said that there is a group home under possible development. Representatives from CASA have identified a problem with children being placed outside of the area, due to local emergency limit. CDBG disaster funding could possibly be used to fund a group home in a safe location until a permanent foster home can be located for the child. There is a working group that has been put together to explore the project. Staffers toured the Wright County Children's Home for reference and consulted with the executive director there. Possible funding partners could be CDBG, USDA, and the Missouri Housing Development Association. Officials must establish non-profit status, then the project can be developed. The Board has not been formed yet, but there will be a meeting here February 26, 2019 to discuss the project.

Jessica discussed the Mountain Grove Love Center Pantry and said that CDBG has accepted more documentation in regard to guidelines and LMI and has determined that the project is eligible. She hopes to get recommended for approval this week.

Jessica said that the Ava Sidewalks project has been recently approved. They have signed the funding agreement. The square in Ava will now be ADA compliant. This is a \$504,000 project. Dick thanked Jessica and Cody for working on the grant for the City of Ava and added that new businesses are now opening on the square and places are also selling on the square.

Jerry said that the FY20 grant call will end today. He received 12 grant applications so far. There has been \$393,000 requested, with \$334,000 in allocations available. The grant ranking committee will meet the first part of March, then the Executive Board meets after that. Next week, the audit will be happening, then spring cleanups will be set up. Thayer, Ava, and West Plains will have cleanups, as well as Roby.

Darci said that the RLF needs to make loans. She said she has made Facebook posts, and I have put loan client information on the SCOCOG website. She said she will be reaching out to chambers, bankers, business owners, etc. She will also do this for the household water well program.

Cody discussed the Birch Tree reuse project. He said that at the December meeting, he discussed the water well reuse funds for a Birch Tree project. CDBG denied that request. In January, Cody told officials at the Birch Tree City Council meeting. CDBG then said that they would allow some funds to be used on basic engineering services. He then went back to the City of Birch Tree and discussed an overlay project in conjunction with bridges. The grant funds would be used to buy materials only. The grant pays for no labor. The materials to fix the crossings and road would fall in line with the \$140,000 budget. Cody said he has letters of support from the Birch Tree Mayor, school district, fire chief, and MoDOT. The City and

Herman Kelly asked for this to be brought up to the SCOCOG Board. Cody asked if the Board would motion to revise the scope of work for reuse of funds and then he would go to CDBG to present information and have them determine if it is an eligible use of funds. Motion to revise the scope of work for reuse of funds was made by Zach Williams. Mark Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Cody discussed Eminence flood mitigation problems. He said that Eminence Manufacturing gets 2" of water during heavy rain. A drainage diversion project is being explored for this. He also discussed mitigation of the City's wastewater treatment facility and two lift stations by building a flood wall.

Cody said that a NFIP workshop will be held here at SCOCOG on Friday. Johnny added that MACOG received funding from CDBG to offer funding of planning activities in regard to mitigation. We chose to determine what it would take in Missouri to have township authority to vote about NFIP participation.

Jessica said that Eminence has received funding for FEMA assistance with their match from CDBG.

OLD BUSINESS

Cody said that in regard to a new flag pole, the company that I contacted out of Springfield cannot use the block base because the pole is cemented in. They suggested putting another pole next to it, but Johnny has a pole that was donated to us several years ago. The pole can be put into the existing bar in the brick. Johnny said he would install.

Nick then presented the SCOCOG audit ending September 30, 2018. There is a qualified opinion. The balance sheet was discussed, and he added that SCOCOG has approximately a 14 month reserve of funds. The statement of activities was discussed along with the profit and loss statement. He added that we have a net pension liability of \$233,909. This will improve over time. He said that the lack of separation of duties is due to the small size. He added that SCOCOG is not subject to a single audit this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Region G All Hazards Response Team Resources Update – Roy Sims

Roy said that the team has been around since 2002. Through 2010, money came directly to the teams, then after that, money came to the RHSOC's, then to them. He presented an outline of the Region G Response Team and their makeup. He added that members are needed, and gave the training schedule and location. He discussed how equipment is used in an emergency and also presented the equipment that is available in our region for use in an emergency. He then gave his contact information, and the group thanked him for his presentation.

OTHER

Open Discussion

Will said that the appropriations bill is waiting on the President's signature. Work is being done on limiting the time spent on debate by using cloture to free up floor time. Railways have been approved in the Aurora area. There has been \$500,000,000 allocated for broadband loan/grant programs. He added that TIGER grants will remain competitive.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be April 16, 2019 - *Semi-Annual Meeting*

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel Matters Section 610.021

Motion was made by Zach Williams for the Board to meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters (RSMo §610.021); the motion was seconded by Mark Collins. Motion carried at 2:56 p.m.

No action was taken.

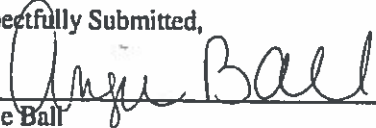
Zach Williams moved to reopen the meeting, and Scott Long seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:33 p.m.

CONVENE BACK TO OPEN SESSION

There being no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Cowen and seconded by Mark Collins. All were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Ball
SCOCOG Administrative Assistant

Reviewed for Content,



Jeff Cowen
SCOCOG Secretary