

SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
THE VENUE • 319 ALBANY AVE. WEST • PEARSON, GA
MAY 26, 2022
11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Chair Joyce Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Evans asked Willie Hardee to give the invocation, then he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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REVIEW OF DRAFT SOUTHERN GEORGIA RC FY2023 WORK PROGRAM BY DIVISION: Chair Evans left the meeting early, so Vice-Chair Lee Gowen presided over the remainder of the session. Vice-Chair Gowen called upon SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb to introduce the Work Program presentations. Ms. Cribb referred those present to the PowerPoint slides in their packets (copies attached and made part of these minutes) for reference during the presentations. Georgia State law requires that the SGRC compile a work program for planned activities in the upcoming fiscal year. In June, the council will vote on the resolution to adopt the Work Program. She explained that each RC department would give detailed overviews of their programs and planned activities during the April, May and June meetings for the upcoming fiscal year. Thus, allowing the council time to review the draft work program, make suggestions, or ask questions before adopting it. During May's meeting, the following program representatives presented PowerPoint presentations highlighting the various activities for their department for the upcoming fiscal year: Roberta Lovett, Workforce Development Director; Kimberly Hobbs, Community and Economic Development Director; and Kimberly Rodgers, Aging Communications/Outreach Specialist.

REVIEW OF DRAFT SOUTHERN GEORGIA RC FY2023 BUDGET: Vice-Chair Gowen called on SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb, who referred council members to a page in their packet summarizing the estimated budget for FY2023 (copy attached and made part of these minutes). Ms. Cribb explained that the document was an overview of the projected budget. She said that RC Finance Director, Kelly Schultz, had met with program directors to arrive at this large-scale view of the projections for FY2023. Ms. Cribb explained that these projections include staff salary projections in the different program areas and any expected direct charges for the upcoming fiscal year. She also explained that these estimates include any pass-through funds for program areas. Ms. Cribb stated that over the next month, Ms. Schultz and staff would continue refining this information to assemble a more specific line-by-line budget for each program area, including related contracts, grants, and projects. She explained that a line item budget would be prepared for presentation and review by the council at June's meeting. Ms. Cribb concluded her report and encouraged council members to review and become familiar with the summary.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SGRC 2022 REGIONAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT: Vice-Chair Gowen called on SGRC Planning Director Elizabeth Backe to speak to the council. Ms. Backe referred those present to a copy of the resolution in their packet to adopt the 2022 Regional Plan Implementation Program Annual Report (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Ms. Backe reminded the council that the RC held a public hearing for the Annual Report before the March 24, 2022 council meeting and stated that DCA approved the draft submittal on May 10, 2022. She noted that the presented resolution is the one-year update required by DCA. Barbara King made a motion to adopt the Annual Implementation Program Report for the Regional Plan. Barbara Maefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Vice-Chair Gowen presented the results from the Nomination Committee for the Executive Committee Vacancy and the Election of Council Secretary. Vice-Chair Gowen stated that the Nomination Committee held a meeting on May 26, 2022, before the council meeting at 10:30 a.m. He noted that the Committee voted to recommend Dennis Fender for the Executive Committee vacancy. Mr. Fender will fill the spot left vacant by Former Mayor Matt Seale. Then, he stated that the Nomination Committee would like

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FY2024 WORK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: Chair Evans called upon SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb to share the FY2024 Work Program Highlights. Ms. Cribb reminded those present that they had received the draft work program to review at the April 2023 meeting. She then directed members to the documents in their packets showcasing the FY2024 Work Program Highlights (copy attached and made part of these minutes). Ms. Cribb explained that highlights from each RC Program were listed. She then explained each in further detail.

Some of the highlights discussed from the Work Program included:

- Utilization of Transit Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$820,000 over two years to enhance and expand the transit system.
- Utilization of Quest Grant in the amount of \$600,000 to assist dislocated workers and provide services to young adults aging out of the foster care system.
- Utilization of Sector Partnership Grant (\$162,000) to continue the Healthcare Sector Partnership Initiative to build/grow the healthcare pathway for members of our communities.
- Continue partnership with Public Health to provide Georgia Grown fresh fruits and vegetables to approximately 5,500 seniors in the region.
- Focus on collaboration across the Arc-GIS online and web-based platforms for addressing and permitting.
- Expansion of UAV/drone service to include marking media.
- Facilitate the Regional Transportation process for TIA2.
- Begin development of the Regional Transit Development Plan.
- Begin development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Assist local governments with implementing their State Fiscal Recovery Fund water and sewer projects.
- Develop and institute a policy that requires payment of a loan processing fee on loans approved by the Loan Board of Directors.

Ms. Cribb stated that a resolution to approve the FY2024 Work Program would be presented at the June 2023 meeting.


REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Chair Evans called on Barbara Maefield to present the results from the Nomination Committee for the election of officers. Ms. Maefield stated that the Nomination Committee held a meeting on May 25, 2023, before the council meeting at 10:30 a.m. She noted that the Nomination Committee would like to recommend the election of the following officers for FY2024-2026: Chair – Lee Gowen; Vice-Chair – Neal Bennett; and Secretary – Keith Stone. Chair Evans then asked the council for a motion. Mona MacKensie made a motion to approve the Nomination Committee's recommendations for the FY2024-2026 slate of officers. Neal Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6.) Retirement: SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb announced to the council that she would be retiring at the end of 2023.

ADJOURN: As there was no further business to conduct, Chair Evans asked James Everett to bless the meal, and the meeting adjourned.



Joyce Evans, Chair



Keith Stone, Secretary