

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JANUARY 7, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on January 7, 2021 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown	Lincoln: T. Firda
Clairton: R. Ford, L. Lasich	McKeesport: T. Maglicco
Dravosburg:	Munhall: M. Fallon
Duquesne: E. Washington	Port Vue: D. Thomas
Elizabeth: A. Miklos	S. Versailles:
Forward: A. Cline	Versailles: R. Jacklitch
Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi	W. Elizabeth:
Homestead:	W. Homestead:
Liberty: M. Zrenchak	Whitaker:
	White Oak:

Welcoming Remarks

None

Public Comments

B. Macey of Allegheny County explained more about the ACED Act 152 demolition program. An RFP for the asbestos component that includes surveys and abatement has been sent and proposals are due January 27. Allegheny County representatives will be meeting with COGs and municipalities in January/February to give an overview of the program and answer questions. Applications are set to be due by the end of March, with award announcements in April/May.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by R. Ford to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2020 with amendment from E. Skiba. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A. Lewis

M. Zrenchak inquired about the low amount of income from street sweeping and suggested changing the 'Cash' to 'Accounts Payable' in the Cash Statement. A. Lewis explained that the low amount is due to COVID-19 and driver changes, but it should be back up in 2021. K. Geahry to update the Cash Statement for clarity in the future.

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve the Cash Statement for December 2020 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

A Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report was provided to members.

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President's Report: Tammy Firda

An election of officers was held.

E. Skiba nominated T. Firda for President.

T. Firda nominated E. Skiba for Vice President.

T. Firda nominated T. Evans for Secretary.

E. Skiba nominated A. Cain for Treasurer.

A **motion** was made by T. Maglicco and seconded by L. Lasich to appoint T. Firda as President, E. Skiba as Vice President, T. Evans as Secretary, and A. Cain as Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Pete Halsey

SRCOG received a GEDF grant for firing range backstop improvements, signage, and a new wall at the Public Safety Training Complex. Bids received for this project were well in excess of the grant funding available. P. Halsey recommended that SRCOG reject the original bids and re-bid the project with wall increments of 25 ft. and an updated timeline.

SRCOG will also need to apply for an extension from Allegheny County in order to meet all advertising requirements and have the work done in July-September 2021.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by E. Skiba to reject the current bids for the Public Safety Training Center Firing Range Backstop Improvements Project and resubmit a request for new bids under an updated scope of work. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

Tenants

The new 3-year lease has been fully signed and executed by the Allegheny County Housing Authority for 500 Amity St. The new furnace installation was completed in December 2020 and a contract has been signed to repair box gutters in the spring.

Due to COVID-19, MUSA has maintained space in the building for school-age kids to help support online learning while schools have been hybrid or online. It is currently unclear how long this will last, so A. Lewis recommended creating a new short-term lease agreement with five one-month option periods for the rest of the 2021 school year.

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by J. Brown to approve the execution of a new short-term lease agreement for MUSA to continue to occupy Rooms 202 and 226. This

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agreement allows for five one-month option periods and which will run January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Final review and approval by the solicitor will occur prior to the execution of the agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

Professional Services Reappointments

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Skiba to reappoint Maiello, Brungo, & Maiello (Falco Muscante) as COG Solicitor. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by M. Fallon to reappoint Senate Engineers as COG Engineer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shared Services Meeting

A. Lewis shared that she had a conversation with Darla Cravotta of Allegheny County following December's meeting to discuss shared services support. Another conversation will be scheduled to discuss further with the municipalities that are interested.

R. Ford, E. Washington and A. Miklos expressed interest in being included.

Dues Invoices

Invoices mailed and are arriving at borough offices.

Range Agreements and Dues Invoices

A. Lewis explained that all agreements currently on file for the Training Complex are very old and in need of an update. Suggested sending updated agreements with invoices and a letter explaining updated agreements, scheduling on the SRCOG website and the backstop improvement closure happening July-September 2021

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by J. Brown to approve the execution of updated membership agreements for the SRCOG Regional Training Complex. Final review and approval by the solicitor will occur prior to the execution of the agreements. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Overview

Following each meeting, K. Geahry will create and send an overview report to aid delegates in reporting to their full council. Any feedback is appreciated.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms

Board members were reminded to fill out Statement of Financial Interest Forms and were provided with an online link.

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SBA Loan

SRCOG's first SBA PPP loan has been forgiven. When the application materials for the second round of SBA PPP loans are released by First Commonwealth Bank, A. Lewis will apply if SRCOG is eligible. Board members agreed.

Meeting Schedule

Board members agreed to continue meeting online.

Meeting Date	Location
February 4, 2021	Online
March 4, 2021	TBD
March 25, 2021	ANNUAL DINNER
May 6, 2021	TBD
June 3, 2021	TBD
September 2, 2021	TBD
October 7, 2021	TBD
November 4, 2021	TBD
December 2, 2021	HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report: Carla Barron

CD 47 applications are under review by ACED.

Bid specs are being put together for CD 46 projects; anticipated bid advertising is January/February 2021.

CD 45 projects are wrapping up.

A list of CITF/GEDF project statuses were provided to the Board for reference.

Community Reports / Discussion

E. Skiba, Glassport

Extended a thank you to all that reached out with ideas for helping the struggling local business that she discussed in the December meeting. Updated that he's completed upgrades to his facility and was approved for an Allegheny County small business loan. He will be doing a training in February at his own cost and hopefully reopen in March.

Explained that she found a company that does commercial mowing, pond retention, engineering and construction for a low cost. Highly recommends working with them and will be sharing their contact information with all board members.

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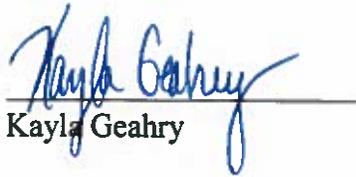
T. Firda, Lincoln

Extended congratulations to all delegates on an amazing job in 2020 and urged to keep up the good work in 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m. on a **motion** made by E. Skiba and seconded by A. Cline. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director