

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MAY 6, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on May 6, 2021 by SRCOG Vice President Elaina Skiba via ZOOM.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: Tom Evans, Jack Brown	Lincoln:
Clairton: Richard Ford	McKeesport: Tom Maglicco
Dravosburg:	Munhall:
Duquesne: Elaine Washington	Port Vue: Debbie Thomas
Elizabeth: Andy Miklos	S. Versailles: Roy Lawson
Forward: Amy Cline	Versailles: Rob Jacklitch
Glassport: Elaina Skiba, Anthony Colecchi	W. Elizabeth:
Homestead: Mayor Betty Esper	W. Homestead: Ashley Cain
Liberty: Mike Zrenchak	Whitaker:
	White Oak: Louis Bender

**Welcoming Remarks**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by A. Cline and seconded by J. Brown to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 1, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by B. Esper and seconded by E. Washington to approve the Cash Statement for April 2021 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**President's Report**

None

**Solicitor's Report/Resolutions:** Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Miklos to approve Resolution No. 12/2021R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with John Zottola Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$40,450.00 for the Public Safety Training Center Firing Range Backstop Improvements project for the Steel Rivers Council of Governments. All in favor. Motion carried.

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A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by B. Esper to approve Resolution No. 13/2021R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Jet Jack Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$78,741.00 for the McLean Playground Drainage Improvements Phase 2 project in the Borough of Homestead. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by E. Washington to approve Resolution No. 14/2021R, authorizing the filing of applications by Steel Rivers Council of Governments for Allegheny County Act 152 Blight Removal Program Grant Funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development on behalf of SRCOG Municipalities; request Act 152 funds totaling \$1,503,500 for projects identified in Attachment A. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by B. Esper and seconded by T. Evans to approve Resolution No. 15/2021R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$697,707.50 for the Waterfront Streets Rehab Phase II Project on behalf of the boroughs of Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead (pending final approval of the Waterfront Maintenance Fund Committee and the Engineer). All in favor. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports**

**Directors/Programs Report:** An Lewis

**ALOM Check Recipient**

Elaina Skiba volunteered as delegate and Richard Ford volunteered as Alternate to pick up MRM checks for SRCOG at the ALOM conference.

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**Train Station**

Following approval from the Board at the last meeting, the sewer lateral line collapse and remainder of the line was replaced by Creative Enterprises at a total of \$7,750.

**Act 152 Update**

Applications for Act 152 grant funding were submitted 4/26/2021 on behalf of Dravosburg, Duquesne, Elizabeth, Glassport, Homestead/Munhall/West Homestead, Liberty, Lincoln, Port Vue, and White Oak.

A. Lewis explains that she had brief conversation with Joe Scullion, who predicts award announcements will be released in late May or early June.

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Fiduciary Liability Insurance Quote

SRCOG received a renewal notice for Fiduciary Liability Insurance, which covers SRCOG as trustees for all employee pension accounts. There are two option renewals: a one year term at \$727 or a two year term at a lump sum of \$1,382. A. Lewis recommends renewing for two years at a lump sum of \$1,382 and a savings of \$72.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by D. Thomas to authorize An Lewis to renew the Fiduciary Liability Insurance policy for two years at \$1,382. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unum Renewal

SRCOG received a renewal notice for Disability Insurance from Unum with a slight increase of \$68.62 monthly or about \$4.85 per employee per month.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Miklos to authorize An Lewis to renew the Disability Insurance with Unum at an increase of \$68.62 monthly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Project Coordinator Hire

A. Lewis explains that with the volume of properties that TCLB is currently handling, it's time for SRCOG to expand staff and hire a Project Coordinator that will be no less than 90% TCLB. A salary for this position has been built into the approved budget.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by B. Esper to authorize An Lewis to advertise for and hire a Project Coordinator. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regional Training Complex Update

A. Lewis is working to renew the lease for the Regional Training Complex and will be reaching out to all range members, users and municipalities for letters of support for her meeting with Andy Baechle. A. Lewis explained that the Parks Department would like access to the rest of the land that is not being utilized for the Regional Training Complex and she is working to find a solution that would work for everyone.

Board members asked to plan a day for all to visit the Regional Training Complex. A. Lewis confirmed that she will plan a visit for all who would like to.

TCLB Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence

TCLB was chosen for a Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence along with a number of other elected officials and organizations. The ceremony will be held online on May 19 for any board members that would like to attend.

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Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the Governor’s disaster emergency declaration and the feasibility of continuing to meet online. The Board agreed to continue meeting online if possible, with the SRCOG Conference Room as a backup location if needed.

Meeting Date	Location
June 3, 2021	Online or SRCOG
September 2, 2021	TBD
October 7, 2021	TBD
November 4, 2021	TBD
December 2, 2021	ANNUAL/HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report: Carla Barron

The Board received a written report from Carla Barron, detailing the current status of all CD projects.

Community Reports / Discussion

B. Esper, Homestead

There will be a vaccination clinic on May 7 from 1-4pm in the Carnegie of Homestead Library. ID is required but appointments are not.

Eleven students from Steel Valley SD were awarded \$5,000 scholarships from Richard Bazy’s Shults Ford Scholarship Fund. Only one scholarship was originally going to be awarded, but they were so impressed with all the students that applied that they gave one to each applicant.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m. on a **motion** made by A. Miklos and seconded by T. Maglicco. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Kayla Geahry

  
An Lewis, Executive Director