

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MARCH 3, 2022

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on March 3, 2022 by Board President Tammy Firda.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown	Lincoln: T. Firda
Clairton: E. Hatchett	McKeesport: T. Maglicco
Dravosburg:	Munhall:
Duquesne:	Port Vue: D. Thomas
Elizabeth: D. Cress	S. Versailles: R. Lawson
Forward: A. Cline	Versailles: J. Sheedy
Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi	W. Elizabeth:
Homestead:	W. Homestead: A. Cain
Liberty: M. Zrenchak	Whitaker:
	White Oak: J. Opferman

**Welcoming Remarks**

T. Firda introduced herself and asked everyone to introduce themselves as well.

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by R. Lawson to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 6, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve the Cash Statement for January and February 2022 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

RAD Report updates were provided to members.

**President's Report:** Tammy Firda

T. Firda reminded all members to ask municipal managers to update SRCOG staff on selected delegates and alternates for the year.

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

None

**Directors/Programs Report:** An Lewis

**LGA Leadership Circle**

A. Lewis discussed the Leadership Circle and the opportunity available for municipalities who choose to participate and encouraged all present to consider joining.

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MRM Trust Annual Meeting

T. Firda mentioned that the meeting which is normally held at ALOM has been changed and that the checks wouldn't be distributed at the meeting and will instead be mailed out.

RAD Cap

A Lewis discussed RAD funding and the potential qualifying organizations that could receive the funds. She discussed the history of the COG and the cap that continued over post-merger. If any municipality doesn't have additional use of the funds or an organization that they fund, SRCOG would be happy to accept those funds.

Human Service Center

MUSA would like to rent Rooms 200, 201 and 202 for Summer Camp, beginning on June 1 and ending on August 31.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by J. Sheedy to authorize A. Lewis to enter into a lease with MUSA for the use of Rooms 200, 201 and 202 for Summer Camp for the time period beginning on June 1 and ending on August 31 for the total amount of \$5,300. All in favor. Motion carried.

Little Bumble Bees would like to move from Room B3 to Room B1. This would be a rent increase from \$1,427.94/month to \$1,767.13/month.

A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by A. Cline to authorize A. Lewis to transfer the lease of Room B3 by Little Bumble Bees to Room B1, ending the same date as the current lease. All in favor. Motion carried.

Statewide LSA Grant Application

A. Lewis discussed CodeNForce, its uses, and benefits to municipalities. A. Lewis explained that SRCOG would like to apply for the LSA Grant via Allegheny County portal on behalf of Turtle Creek Valley COG to support CodeNForce in the amount of \$150,000.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Schulte to approve Resolution No. 1/2022R to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$150,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for CodeNForce. All in favor. Motion carried.

CodeNForce

A. Lewis let those present know that SRCOG would be sending a template letter of support and asked all members to please use it to create a letter of support for CodeNForce, a Turtle Creek Valley COG initiative. Discussion ensued about the services and training offered by CodeNForce.

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LSA Municipal Internship Program Application

A. Lewis explained the LGA Municipal Internship Program and informed the Board that TCLB and TVCOG applied and received LGA Municipal Interns.

A **motion** was made to authorize SRCOG to hire the intern by T. Maglicco and seconded by J. Sheedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allegheny County Health Department Air Quality Ambassador Program

A. Lewis discussed the ASHD Air Quality Ambassador Program and mentioned that municipal representatives could inform their residents about the opportunity to sign up. A. Lewis clarified that this would be informational based, not advocacy based.

Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead

A. Lewis explained SRCOG had just been approached by McKeesport to assist with a multi-municipal grant request on behalf of Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead, and McKeesport to reduce violence in their communities. Allegheny County Department of Human Services has released an RFP with a Letter of Intent due on Friday, March 4, 2022, if approved, the final proposal would be due May 6, 2022.

A **motion** was made to add the approval of the submission of the Letter of Intent, based on the timely need to act to meet the due date and, if invited, a full proposal to Allegheny County Department of Human Services to the agenda by D. Schulte and seconded by D. Thomas. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made to approve the submission of the Letter of Intent, based on the timely need to act to meet the due date and, if invited, a full proposal to Allegheny County Department of Human Services by D. Schulte and seconded by E. Hatchett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Annual Dinner

The 2022 Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 31 at Georgetown Centre, starting at 5pm. Invites and pledge forms were sent and all members were encouraged to fill them out and return as soon as possible.

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Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
March 31, 2022	ANNUAL DINNER – GEORGETOWN CENTRE
May 5, 2022	SRCOG
June 2, 2022	HOMESTEAD BOROUGH
September 1, 2022	SRCOG
October 6, 2022	VERSAILLES BOROUGH
November 3, 2022	SRCOG
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

**Community Development Report:** Grace Schierberl  
A CD report of all current projects was provided to all members.

**Community Reports / Discussion**

J. Sheedy, Versailles asked those present about their feral cat issues. E. Skiba explained that she's worked with a group that assists with humane cat capture and offered to share that information with anyone interested.

E. Skiba, Glassport let those present know that Glassport received funding to develop an off-road racing track and asked those present with residents who do off-road races and rides to connect them with Glassport to serve as volunteer trail builder.

D. Schulte, Homestead discussed issues with low application rates for vacant police jobs. He let those present know the State would reimburse the municipality up to 75% and asked if there are other funding options to help cover the additional 25%. He suggested SRCOG look into options for future usage. Discussion ensued concerning issues with finding applicants, strategies for attempting to retain talent, and underlying reasons for the vacant position issues.

T. Firda, Lincoln reminded members to keep a look out for grant opportunities from the state as many options just opened up.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m. on a **motion** made by J. Sheedy and seconded E. Skiba. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla Geahry

  
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An Lewis, Executive Director