

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JUNE 2, 2022

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm on June 2, 2022 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown

Clairton: T. Kurta

Dravosburg:

Duquesne: R. Adams

Elizabeth: D. Cress

Forward: A. Cline

Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi

Homestead: D. Shulte

Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda

McKeesport:

Munhall:

Port Vue: D. Thomas

S. Versailles:

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W. Elizabeth: C. Welty, M. Jordan

W. Homestead:

Whitaker:

White Oak:

Welcoming Remarks

T. Firda welcomed interns Vannie Wang and Eve Kopicki.

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A. Lewis

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Shulte to approve the Cash Statement for May 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

SRCOG Training Complex Update

T. Firda informed members that she met with members of Allegheny County and the Parks Department to discuss the future of the range. More research and studies are being done to figure out if the Training Complex and some sort of park can coexist.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by T. Firda and seconded by T. Evans to approve Resolution #10/2022R authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Myers Demolition & Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$187,710.00 for the Demolition of Old Liberty School Project located in the Borough of Liberty. All in favor. Motion carried.

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A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by J. Brown to approve Resolution #11/2022R authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to file a GRTP grant in the amount of \$177,449.71 for the US Steel Ball Field Improvements Project located in the Borough of Dravosburg. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Skiba to approve Resolution #12/2022R authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to file an application in the amount of \$22,000.00 for Allegheny County Act 152 Blight Removal Program Grant Funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for Emergency Demolition project in the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Shulte to authorize A. Lewis to approve the payment of bills and expenses to make all necessary decisions pertaining to the operations of the SRCOG and management of its properties over the summer months. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director's Report: An Lewis

Executive Session

The SRCOG Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:47pm. Executive Session ended at 7:01pm.

DCED Request for Professional Services

A **motion** was made by R. Adams and seconded by D. Shulte to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to submit a proposal to DCED in response to a Request for Professional Services to provide Records Management of Minutes, Ordinances and Resolutions for the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made E. Skiba and seconded by A. Cline to, if awarded, authorize A. Lewis to re-hire Carla Barron as a part-time employee for the duration of the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by D. Shulte to authorize A. Lewis to hire an employee to support building and property maintenance to be shared with TCLB. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by E. Skiba to authorize A. Lewis to make salary changes as discussed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Officials Liability Insurance

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Brown to authorize A. Lewis to renew Public Officials Liability Insurance Policy with HUB International for a term of 12 months, beginning June 15, 2022, for a premium lump sum cost of \$2,136. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Amity Street Appraisal

A. Lewis explained that the second appraisal for 500 Amity Street indicated the value of the property would be higher if it were differently subdivided. Currently one parcel is the building and the second is the parking lot and cell tower, but the value would be higher if the building and parking lot became one parcel and the cell tower a second parcel. A. Lewis explained she discussed with F. Muscante and this is possible but would be outside the cost of the current monthly retainer.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Thomas to authorize F. Muscante to research and initiate the subdivision of the property at 500 Amity Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allegheny County Department of Human Services Community Violence Reduction Plan Grant

A. Lewis and G. Schierberl explained they had a meeting in McKeesport about the DHS violence protection grant for McKeesport, Clairton, Duquesne and Homestead. The project is going to be funded and the proposal calls for the creation of several staff positions.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by T. Evans to, if awarded, authorize A. Lewis to hire staff as outlined in proposal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Associate Members

At a prior meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of creating an associate membership for fire departments in the communities who would like support for grant funding. A. Lewis explained the bylaws do allow associate non-voting memberships. Research showed that many other COGs have the same bylaws but do not enact it, however North Hills COG has a number of authorities that are associate non-voting members that pay a flat membership fee of \$1,500.

Discussion ensued and the Board discussed staffing, time periods, cost, and municipal authorities.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by J. Brown to create an associate membership for fire departments and municipal authorities for a one-year trial period at a cost of \$500 per year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development Report: Grace Schierberl

A CD report of all current projects was provided to all members.

G. Schierberl explained that CD Year 47 is coming to a close – all projects but two have been awarded and should be complete in the next few weeks. She also explained that CD Year 48 award announcements are delayed – letters will be sent as soon as they are announced.

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Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
September 1, 2022	SRCOG
October 6, 2022	VERSAILLES BOROUGH
November 3, 2022	SRCOG
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm on a **motion** made by E. Skiba and seconded by J. Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Gehry



An Lewis, Executive Director