

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MAY 4, 2023

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on May 4, 2023 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown	Lincoln: T. Firda
Clairton: E. Hatchett	McKeesport:
Dravosburg:	Munhall:
Duquesne: E. Washington	Port Vue: K. Hresko, D. Thomas
Elizabeth: D. Cress	S. Versailles: C. Kahler
Forward: A. Cline	Versailles: J. Sheedy
Glassport: A. Colecchi	W. Elizabeth: J. Isaacs, C. Welty
Homestead:	W. Homestead: A. Cain
Liberty:	Whitaker:
	White Oak:

Welcoming Remarks

None.

Public Comments

None.

Guest Speaker

Representatives from ALCOSAN presented the Mon Valley River Tunnel Project.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2023 and April 6, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A. Cain

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by E. Hatchett to approve the Cash Statement for February and March 2023 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: T. Firda

PACOG

T. Firda informed the Board that A. Lewis is now the President of PACOG and Amanda Settlermaier of TCVCOG is the Secretary/Treasurer. To assist with the transition, A. Lewis would like to hire an intern to look through and organize files. A. Lewis explained that she plans to re-brand PACOG and reinvigorate it with what COGs need from a state association.

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A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Hatchett to add the topic of hiring an intern to the agenda, due to the fact that the information was received within the last 24 hours. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by D. Thomas to hire an intern to sort through and organize PACOG files; billed to PACOG for salary expenses not covered by the LGA Municipal Intern Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regional Training Complex

T. Firda explained that recently Elizabeth Township began talking to Olympus Energy LLC about possible relocation of the Regional Training Complex to a large area of land they own. T. Firda also explained that SRCOG needs to be part of this conversation in the future.

Community Advisory Panel and Trust

US Steel is setting up a Community Advisory Panel and may be reaching out to SRCOG communities for panel members soon.

Solicitor's Report: F. Muscante

Homestead Lot

A **motion** was made by E. Washington and seconded by J. Brown to approve the Quitclaim Deed to Homestead for Lot/Block 130-F-58, known as Parcel G of the Waterfront Plan No. 1. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director's Report

HSC Updates

Brick Repointing

A. Lewis explained that we recently discovered that a water leak that is coming from brick that needs repointed.

A **motion** was made by D. Cress and seconded by J. Brown to authorize A. Lewis to hire Escajeda Masonry & Chimney to repoint a section of brick at the Human Services Center for a price not to exceed \$2,500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lease Renewals

Have not yet sent out leases, working with F. Muscante to finalize. Since discussing leases, A. Lewis communicated with Devereux TCV Community Services, who still has two programs in the building, and has made the request for a month to month lease as she does not know what the future of funding looks like. Will revisit in Nov/Dec 2023 when state funding is more concrete.

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by T. Evans to authorize A. Lewis to continue a month-to-month lease with Devereux TCV Community Services at a rate of \$10/sq. ft. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Street Sweeping

Rasul Abernathy has been hired and will begin training next week. A. Lewis explained that she's working on the schedule and all interested municipalities should reach out for scheduling.

Whole Home Repair Update

A. Lewis explained that SRCOG is continuing to receive interest forms and has received over 650 so far. A. Lewis noted that she would like to explore what capacity SRCOG would need to take on projects and services like this in the future. The Board agreed this would be a good idea; A. Lewis and staff to continue research.

Contact Information

Patrick Joyal from Governor Josh Shapiro's office shared his contact information and is hoping to join the next meeting.

DHS Violence Prevention Program Update

WPXI covered the Cure Violence program that is being deployed in Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead, and McKeesport. The report is a helpful insight into how the program will work. A. Lewis explained that a Program Manager and two Supervisors have been hired and the team is currently interviewing for the remaining positions.

Personnel Updates

A. Lewis explained that the DHS program is still searching for a Program Coordinator to lead shooting reviews, speak to social service and nonprofit organizations, coordinate with the police, and has an interest in violence prevention.

A. Lewis explained that SRCOG is also looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator that will help to be a presence for SRCOG at municipal events, meetings, etc. Looking for people in SRCOG communities with great social skills.

Community Development Report: A. Lewis

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

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2023 at SRCOG.

Meeting Date	Location
June 1, 2023	SRCOG
September 7, 2023	SRCOG
October 5, 2023	SRCOG
November 2, 2023	SRCOG HOSTED BY LINCOLN BOROUGH
December 7, 2023	HOLIDAY DINNER - TBD

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Community Reports/Discussion

West Homestead

Shared SRCOG job postings on social media and encouraged others to do so.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm on a **motion** made by E. Washington and seconded by J. Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Gehry



An Lewis, Executive Director