

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JUNE 1, 2023

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on June 1, 2023 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans
Clairton: E. Hatchett
Dravosburg:
Duquesne:
Elizabeth:
Forward: A. Cline
Glassport: A. Colecchi
Homestead: D. Schulte
Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda
McKeesport:
Munhall: R. Fry
Port Vue: D. Thomas
S. Versailles: R. Lawson
Versailles:
W. Elizabeth: C. Welty
W. Homestead: A. Cain
Whitaker:
White Oak: J. Opferman

Welcoming Remarks

All attendees introduced themselves.

Public Comments

None.

Guest Speaker

Patrick Dowd from the Allegheny County Health Department discussed funding opportunities.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by E. Hatchett to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 4, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A. Cain

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Cash Statement for April 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.

President's Report: T. Firda

Regional Training Complex

T. Firda informed the Board that she and A. Lewis toured some potential land for a possible Regional Training Complex move. Both T. Firda and A. Lewis to continue researching as the lease agreement expires in 2025.

Solicitor's Report: F. Muscante

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Cline to authorize A. Lewis to approve the payment of bills and expenses and 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.

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A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve Resolution #5/2023R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Osiris Enterprises for an amount not to exceed \$99,100.00 for the Catch Basin Replacement Project located in Versailles Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve Resolution #6/2023R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Neveah Pipe Bursting LLC for an amount not to exceed \$145,220.00 for the Inlet Replacement Project located in Liberty Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by A. Cain to approve Resolution #7/2023R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Dave Woodhouse Co. Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$78,300.00 for the Blight Remediation Project located in Port Vue Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director's Report: An Lewis

Personnel Updates

A. Lewis informed the Board that SRCOG now has over 25 employees; most related to the DHS Violence Prevention Program.

DHS Violence Prevention Program Update

A. Lewis explained that the DHS Violence Prevention Program is now underway and focused on homicide prevention in Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead, and McKeesport. This program is a big lift, but will be very significant and helpful for the Mon Valley region. A. Lewis explained that she may be ready for supplemental fundraising for the program around September.

Fiscal Sponsorship Requests

Elizabeth's Guardian Angels

A **motion** was made by A. Colecchi and seconded by E. Hatchett to authorize A. Lewis to sign all relevant documents for SRCOG to act as fiscal sponsor for Elizabeth's Guardian Angels for a \$10,000 Community Voice Fund grant from the Jefferson Regional Foundation. All in favor. Motion carried.

PACOG

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Schulte to add the topic of PACOG Fiscal Sponsorship to the agenda due to the fact that the information was received within the last 24 hours and is time-sensitive in nature. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by E. Hatchett to authorize SRCOG to act as fiscal sponsor for PACOG and to submit grant requests on behalf of PACOG to funders, including PA DCED, which require a 501(c)(3) as an applicant. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Public Officials Liability Insurance Renewal

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by R. Fry to renew the SRCOG Public Officials Liability Insurance policy of \$1,000,000 with USLI at a cost of \$1,961. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Sweeping Program Update

A. Lewis informed the Board that the street sweeper trucks have been dealing with numerous issues, but staff is working to get the program up and running ASAP. The Board discussed how the program works and how roads are scheduled for sweeping.

Waterfront Maintenance Fund

A. Lewis updated the participating municipalities that the newest paving project is out for bid.

Whole Home Repair Update: A. Sisco

A. Sisco explained that Action Housing opened the Whole Home Repair application May 30. Starting next week, SRCOG will be hosting events to help applicants fill out the forms online in the communities that had the most interest forms turned in. The Board discussed the events and what else could be done to make sure residents have plenty of help filling out applications.

Community Development Report: G. Schierberl

A CD Report of all current projects was provided to members. G. Schierberl informed that Board that Act 152 applications are open for 2023. She also informed the Board that CD 49 awards have been announced and all those who applied should expect letters next week. It was also announced that CD 48 contracts are in except for Elizabeth and Duquesne.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2023 at SRCOG.

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

Community Reports/Discussion

Homestead

D. Schulte announced that Steel Valley School District is planning to build a new elementary school and councilpersons are concerned about the affordability of the project.

Forward

A. Cline reminded the Board that there will be a free public concert on Wednesday, June 7 from 6:30-8pm at Gallatin Sunnyside Park.

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Clairton

E. Hatchett informed the Board that there will be a concert in the park on June 11 – event begins at 4pm, with music starting at 6pm.

White Oak

J. Opferman informed the Board that White Oak will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a 5k run/walk, the White Oak Hero Run, honoring officers from the McKeesport Police Dept.

Munhall

R. Fry informed the Board that Munhall hosted their annual Memorial Day Parade and six veterans were part of the festivities. Hoping to grow this number in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm on a **motion** made by A. Cline and seconded by E. Hatchett. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahly



An Lewis, Executive Director