

STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2025 – 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call To Order at 6:30pm by President Anthony Colecchi

Council Present

<u>Braddock Hills:</u>	Tom Evans	Jack Brown	<u>McKeesport:</u>		
<u>Clairton:</u>	Eric Hatchett		<u>Munhall:</u>	Reenie Fry	
<u>Dravosburg:</u>			<u>Port Vue:</u>	Ken Hresko	
<u>Duquesne:</u>			<u>South Versailles:</u>		
<u>Elizabeth:</u>			<u>Versailles:</u>	Jim Sheedy	
<u>Forward:</u>	Amy Cline		<u>West Elizabeth:</u>	Janet Isaacs	Cathy Welty
<u>Glassport:</u>	Anthony Colecchi		<u>West Homestead:</u>	Barb Ferson	
<u>Homestead:</u>	Duane Schulte		<u>Whitaker:</u>	Al Race	Rich Lassige
<u>Liberty:</u>	Mike Zrenchak		<u>White Oak:</u>		
<u>Lincoln:</u>	Tammy Firda				

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcoming Remarks

N/A

Public Comments

N/A

Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 6, 2025.

Motion made by Tom Evans Motion 2nd by Duane Schulte

All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Tom Evans

Motion to approve the Cash Statement for February 2025 and the List of Bills as dated.

Motion made by Tom Evans Motion 2nd by Al Race

All in favor. Motion carried.

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

RAD reports were provided to members.

President's Report Anthony Colecchi

Thank you for the elections last month.

Solicitor's Report Falco Muscante

Motion to approve Resolution #02/2025R authorizing SRCOG to enter into contract with Minniefield Demolition Services, LLC for the amount of \$51,500 to complete a Safe Neighborhoods Demolition in the City of Duquesne, project CD 48-3.11.7

Motion made by Ken Hresko Motion 2nd by Eric Hatchett
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #03/2025R authorizing SRCOG to enter into contract with A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$345,360 to complete Improvements to Maple Avenue, Phase 4, in Elizabeth Borough, project 2023-GEDTF-181

Motion made by Duane Schulte Motion 2nd by Eric Hatchett
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #04/2025R authorizing SRCOG to enter into contract with Tedesco Excavating and Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$70,919.00 to complete the Reconstruction of Glenn Avenue Embankment in Liberty Borough, project CD 49-3.10.1

Motion made by Ken Hresko Motion 2nd by Eric Hatchett
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #06/2025R authorizing SRCOG to enter into contract with Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. (LSSE) for the amount of \$100,000 to complete the Design of the Riverfront Walking Trail in Elizabeth Borough, project 2022-ARPA-2866

Motion made by Tom Evans Motion 2nd by Duane Schulte
All in favor. Motion carried.

Director's Report An Lewis

SRCOG met with County Manager about renewing lease for Shooting Range. No final determination was made, but it does not seem that Allegheny County intends to close the range. An is waiting for confirmation from him to get a definitive answer. SRCOG offered to take him on a tour of Mon Valley in late Spring.

Anthony feels that the meeting was informative, warm, and everyone seemed to be very receptive. Bob Macey was also present at the meeting.

"No Show" policy to go in effect at the Shooting Range due to a significant issue with organizations reserving the range and not showing up. All members have/will be notified of the change in policy and the assessment of a fee.

2025 Street Sweeping Season

- The new fully electric Street Sweeper has been built. We expect to get it within the next 1-2 months. Gary shared pictures of our new sweeper. An submitted a request to the County Executive to have a press event to show the new truck. We will invite Duquesne Light, who are responsible for putting in our charging stations. Street Sweeping starts April 1, 2025.

- Schedule for street sweeping should be finalized in next week or two.

Finance Director's Report Kristin Gusten

We are officially underway with the SRCOG 2024 Audit.

On next month's list of bills, the payroll numbers will show an increase due to six new employees hired by CURE. This amount will be reimbursed through DHS.

Government Grants Report Jenny Kwiatek

Duquesne received funding from Active Allegheny. SRCOG was notified that there were more funds available. This can be used for walking trails, parks, community centers, etc. Jenny will send out more info in the next newsletter.

Special Projects Report Alan Sisco

CVRI / CURE Mon Valley Update

Six new hires and three promotions within the current program staff. All four sites are now staffed. If anyone has questions, please reach out to Alan or An.

Community and Economic Development Program updates

- Reconnecting Communities Grant awarded and so far, this has not been affected by recent administration changes and restrictions. Webinar has been moved several times and now scheduled for April 5, 2025.

- Municipal Investment Fund

There is funding available to build a "Green Bank" to build a bucket of more green related programs. We would partner with Bridgeway capital. Our communities can use these resources – definitely good for communities who have developed a climate action plans.

We currently have a small grant for communities interested in writing their own climate action plan. If anyone is interested, please reach out to get connected with Alan.

SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
March 6, 2025	SRCOG – Human Service Center, Homestead, PA
March 27, 2025	Annual Dinner – The Sunset Room, Elizabeth, PA
May 1, 2025	West Elizabeth
June 5, 2025	TBD

Community Reports / Discussion

Braddock Hills: Jack stated that the mayors' charitable fund will have an event at Grandview Golf Course tomorrow night.

Clairton:

Duquesne:

Forward:

Dravosburg:

Elizabeth:

Glassport:

Homestead: Duane would like to know the status of TCVCOG using our building. An has not received any updates, but they may have found a space. Duane said police testing will be May 10th if anyone is interested.

Liberty:

Lincoln:

McKeesport:

Munhall:

Port Vue:

South Versailles:

Versailles:

West Elizabeth:

West Homestead:

Whitaker:

White Oak:


An shared that Louise Biddle passed away recently. She exemplified what a public servant looked like and really represented women in government.

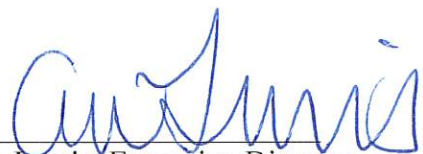
Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Ken Hresko Motion 2nd by Al Race

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

ATTEST:


Penny Donaldson


An Lewis, Executive Director