

EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2017

Call to Order

Chairman Nancy Bopenhagen called the July 5, 2017, teleconference meeting of the ECCOG Board of Directors to order at 7:00PM. The Stratton office at 128 Colorado Avenue was available for public audience participation. Board members on the call included: Gary Beedy, Nancy Bopenhagen, Steve Burgess, Julie Coonts, Linda Corbin, Troy McCue, Hal McNerney, Monica Halde, Don Means, Chris Richardson, Valerie Rhoades and Trevor Smith. Candace Payne, ECCOG Deputy Director/PDC Administrator was on the call. ECCOG Executive Director Jo Downey, Senior and Transit Services Director Dora King, and board member Dave Hornung were unable to attend.

Introduction of Guests

Deputy Director Candace Payne called roll with twelve members participating in addition to herself. There were no guests to introduce.

Approval of June 7, 2017 ECCOG Meeting Minutes

Chairman Nancy Bopenhagen asked for corrections or additions to the June Minutes. There being no corrections or additions, Steve Burgess made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Troy McCue and passed unanimously.

Financial Reports - July 5, 2017

The July 5, 2017 Financial Report emailed prior to the meeting and is included in the permanent file. Deputy Director Candace Payne described details of the report which include fund balances and transactions.

Approval of Bills for June 2017

A review of June bills of \$54,894.71 and debit card expenses of \$4,180.16 and June 31st payroll for \$27,896.22 was conducted. Candace Payne explained the debit card purchases were higher than normal due to the purchase of meal site equipment. Hal McNerney made a motion to accept the July 5th Financial Report for filing and to approve the June bills which included payroll. Linda Corbin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Extension

Deputy Director Candace Payne reported that the 18-month extension on the Energy Impact Assistance Grant has had no changes in its status. As soon as approval is received the Board will be notified. Work continues on the educational phase of the Broadband plan including website development and brochures/rack cards.

Project HelpMATE

Due to her anticipated absence, Dora emailed the Board a memo regarding the HelpMATE program changes effective July 1, 2017, that requires ECCOG to be a "payor of last resort" for future dental services. Dora continues to develop the procedures which include screening applicants completing the state-approved intake form. Our process will follow other partners' processes and providers will be notified of the new steps. Deputy Director Candace Payne reported ECCOG has \$30,000 of services on a waiting list with funding to be determined. Medicaid dental services are provided by Peak Vista in Flagler, Limon and Kiowa stated Troy McCue. Nancy

Bopenhagen reported in Lamar there is a dentist who also accepts Medicaid. A copy of the memo is attached to the permanent file of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Amended Award

The details of the amended EDA Grant Award for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 were provided in the Board packet. This award is for year two of a three-year grant that was awarded in 2016 for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Year one has just been completed. Year two and year three awards require much less paperwork as each is a continuation of the larger proposal. A \$70,000 award has been granted to ECCOG which is a \$4000 increase from the previous year. Match continues at 40% but as the grant is slightly larger, the match has also increased slightly to \$46,668 from \$44,000. The EDA amended budget justification of expenses and projected salaries was provided in the packet. Deputy Director Candace Payne explained the Award needs accepted and recommended the chairman be authorized to sign and accept the Award. Troy McCue made the motion to accept the EDA Award on behalf of ECCOG and to authorize Chairman Bopenhagen to sign the documentation as required. Hal McNerney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ECCOG Resignation of Senior and Transit Services Director

Dora King has given ECCOG notice that she resigns her position as Senior and Transit Services Director. She has accepted a teaching position in Burlington that begins August 14th. Deputy Director Candace Payne reported Dora has offered to help train the new hire as much as she can, knowing her teaching position may impact her availability. Executive Director Jo Downey and Deputy Director Candace Payne have formulated a backup plan for reimbursements to keep the cash flow steady. An agreement with Terry Baylie, our former STS Director, has been made for budget work. Newspaper ads, workforce center notices and verbal notification of the open position were initiated when Dora gave notice. The Board was encouraged to strengthen the applicant pool by talking about the position in their area.

Next Meeting Dates/Locations

The meeting on September 6th, the ECCOG Board will meet in Limon at TA Truck Stop's Country Pride Restaurant due to the convenience of the meal and meeting room. The following meeting date will be selected at the September meeting.

NOTE: Special teleconference meetings may also be called at any time by the chairman. All teleconference meetings also have a physical location which is the ECCOG office in Stratton so that interested citizens may attend. Notice is posted in the ECCOG office window of the next meeting date and location.

Other

No other items were brought before the Board.

Adjournment

Meeting declared adjourned at 7:22PM.