

EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

Prior to the meeting, the ECCOG board met at the Burlington Welcome Center for a custom presentation by Rhonda Peterson, Center Director. Rhonda explained the operation of the Center and its funding to the attentive group. Colorado maps were given to the attendees. The board then traveled to The Dish Room at 218 S. Lincoln St for the dinner and meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Nancy Bogenhagen called the September 5, 2018 meeting of the ECCOG Board of Directors to order at 7:02PM held at the Dish Room Restaurant, 218 S. Lincoln Street in Burlington. Board members attending in addition to Chairman Bogenhagen, included: Steve Burgess, Dave Hornung, Hal McNerney, Troy McCue, Don Means, Karen Miller, Valerie Rhoades, and Chris Richardson. ECCOG staff attendees included: Senior and Transit Services Director Debby Conrads and ECCOG Executive Director/PDC Administrator Candace Payne. Gary Beedy, Julie Coonts, Linda Corbin, and Trevor Smith were unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bogenhagen led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Approval of June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Nancy Bogenhagen asked for additions or corrections to the June 6, 2018 meeting Minutes. There being none, Dave Hornung made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Troy McCue seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Financial Report – September 5, 2018

The September 5, 2018 Financial Report was distributed showing the August end of month checking balance of \$107,871.85. A review of the remaining fund balances given by Executive Director Candace Payne.

Approval of Bills for August 2018

Executive Director Candace Payne reviewed the August 31st payroll expense of \$25,941.69 along with \$53,104.89 of expenses and \$1,519.68 of debit card transactions. In addition to the typical monthly expenses, there was one Enterprise Zone contribution project paid for the single contributions received. Hal McNerney made a motion to ratify the bills and payroll and accept the Financial Report for filing. Chris Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentation for this evening was canceled earlier today due to the speaker's illness. Jamie Hackbarth from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade may join us at another date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Impact - Broadband

A request was received from the Department of Local Affairs and the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board regarding our interest in applying for funds to continue development, construction and/or implementation of middle-mile network in our region. The application requires 50% matching funds. DOLA is gathering information to assist with planning for the next 12, 36, and 60 months. DOLA's planning includes shovel-ready projects for Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund application

which is a competitive process. After a brief discussion, it was decided Region 5 would not construct network connectivity but leave that to the Internet Service Providers (ISP).

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

The Community Development Block Grant application was submitted via email to Robert Todd on August 31, 2018. Executive Director Payne explained the portal was still not ready to accept the submission online and a request was received from Robert Todd to email it for his review. Once the portal is available, Candace will upload the application information via that method. The new application is for \$250,000 for business assistance with another \$40,000 for administrative support. All four counties have signed the application. Closeout of the old contract will be made in September once all funds and reports are submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opportunity Zone

Executive Director Candace Payne explained the newly developed Opportunity Zone using several handouts including a map of the approved Census Tracts in Region 5. Handouts included preliminary guidelines and examples of investments that may qualify for housing, business and infrastructure projects. Discussion was held on how to best coordinate plans to formulate a prospectus for our area as DOLA has funds available to assist with the prospectus development which is used to market the OZ. The attendees felt an effort should be made to create the prospectus and include the whole region as EZ and OZ could work together across the four counties. Candace is expecting more information from DOLA's rep, Greg Etl tomorrow which will include details on the DOLA funding. The board directed Candace to research consultants for this task and obtain grant funding where possible to offset costs. Chris Richardson stated Elbert County, although not an approved OZ, could help with costs as they have developed an economic development overlay plan to support this effort.

2020-2023 Four Year Plan Public Input Meeting

Debby Conrads drew attention to the SFY 2020-2023 Area Plan and the three scheduled public input meetings that allow older adults, local government officials and others to provide input into the Plan. The state office would like an input meeting scheduled for Elbert County or Elizabeth also which Debby is coordinating now. Chris Richardson offered the VFW building as a meeting location and will provide contact information for his area.

The planned meeting dates, times and locations are:

- Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2PM following the Senior and Transit Board Meeting at the Limon Community Building, 477 D Avenue, Limon, CO
- Tuesday, November 20, 2018 from 1–2PM at ECCOG office, 128 Colorado Ave., Stratton, CO
- Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7PM at the TA Truck Stop – Country Pride Restaurant, near Intersection of Hwy 24 & I-70, Limon, CO (during the ECCOG Board meeting)

Senior Services and Transit Advisory Board Nominations

Senior Services Director Debby Conrads reviewed the SSTB positions up for re-appointment and the vacancies. Currently Cheyenne County has a vacancy after the nominees are approved. The nominations are as follows:

Board members for re-appointment:

Edna Fross, Kit Carson County
Mary Curtiss, Elbert County
Jerilyn Vick, Lincoln County
Vacancy, Cheyenne County

The following people were nominated to fill vacancies on the SSTB:

Debbie Mitchek, Cheyenne County (to replace Henrietta Owen)
Andrew Lorensen, Lincoln County (to replace Kelly Johnson)

Steve Burgess made a motion to ratify these appointments and nominees as shown. Dave Hornung seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HelpMATE Program

The State Unit on Aging SFY 2018-19 HelpMATE Program was granted \$74,000. Debby Conrads reported applications have been approved and funds have been used as shown on the handout. The State Unit on Aging tracks the money spent on eye care, dentures, hearing aids and assistive devices. Recommendations from the Senior Services & Transit Board proposed budget for each line item was presented and there were no changes.

2019 FTA 5311 Admin/Operation Proposed Award

Colorado Department of Transportation has proposed an award for the 2019 FTA 5311 Admin and Operation Grant. After a brief discussion, Dave Hornung made a motion to approve and accept the award of \$48,988 which requires \$12,247 (25%) of local admin match and \$140,612 (50%) operating match for a total of \$152,859 of total local match. Hal McNerney seconded this motion. A unanimous ballot was cast to approve the motion.

2019 ECCOG Contributions (Dues)

The 2019 ECCOG Contribution/Dues schedule was reviewed by Executive Director Candace Payne. Population figures were updated in August and used to calculate the matching support for ECCOG operations. The county contributions remained the same as they have been for several years. The municipalities had a slight decrease over 2018 contributions due to populations decreases in eleven towns. That decrease caused a reduction in income of \$816. Cost savings will be implemented in our programs to allow the contributions formula to remain the same stated Payne. Dave Hornung made a motion to approve the 2019 ECCOG Contribution/Dues as presented. Don Means seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A letter to each county and municipality will be mailed in September to aid in budgeting for each entity.

2019 ECCOG Board

Candace made the ECCOG board aware that Don Means will be giving up his position on the board starting in March 2019. Chris Richardson made a note to seek a replacement in Elbert County. Candace further explained the process fill board positions across the four counties. Nomination forms are sent in October and then ballots are cast in November for municipal positions. County commissioners will be appointed in early 2019. Anyone wishing to continue their service on the board should let their county commissioners know.

Other**Next Meeting Dates/Locations**

Oct 3 – TA Truck Stop, Limon

Nov 7 – Claremont Inn, Stratton - \$60 per person has increased per the owner. Discussion led to the decision to pay the increased fee. ECCOG only pays for the board members' meal.

Dec 5 – Mail ballot due to holidays

Jan 2019 – Teleconference

Feb 2019 – Mail ballot to current seated board

March 2019 – First meeting of new board at a site TBD

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 online and in the ECCOG office window of the next meeting date and location.

Adjournment

Chairman Bogenhagen thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

All handouts and reports are retained in the permanent file of ECCOG Board meetings