

SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Via Conference Call
December 10, 2020
11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Chair Joyce Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

PROTOCOL FOR VIRTUAL MEETING: Chair Evans called upon SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb to review the procedures to be used during the conference call. Ms. Cribb explained to all that called in to make sure they: mute their phone when not speaking; state their name when making a motion or second; and unmute their phone to make motions/seconds, to participate in discussions, and to vote.

ROLL CALL: Chair Evans asked SGRC Assistant Executive Director Chris Strom to call the roll. Mr. Strom stated that he would call each council member's name (by county). He asked that council members respond with "here or present" so a quorum could be determined. After calling the roll, he asked that any guests and staff present to state their name. Results are shown below in the table.

<u>Atkinson County</u>	<u>Bacon County</u>	<u>Ben Hill County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Futch, Lace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hutto, Andy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taylor, Steve
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puckett, Jim
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McKinnon, Janice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coley, Lisa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dunn, Jason
<u>Berrien County</u>	<u>Brantley County</u>	<u>Brooks County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaskins, Ronnie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harris, Skipper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maxwell, James
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scarborough, Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maefield, Barbara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennard, Nancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smart, Lisa	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deshazior, Zurich
<u>Charlton County</u>	<u>Clinch County</u>	<u>Coffee County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Everett, James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metts, Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jowers, Johnny W.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gowen, Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hardee, Willie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moore, Bob
Vacant	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith, Adam
<u>Cook County</u>	<u>Echols County</u>	<u>Irwin County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane, Jeff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petty, Kenneth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whitley, Joey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duke, Buddy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seale, Matt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bennett, Derry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garner, Cheryl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paulk, Mona
<u>Lanier County</u>	<u>Lowndes County</u>	<u>Pierce County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fender, Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evans, Joyce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bennett, Neal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darsey, Bill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miller-Cody, Vivian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grissom, Kevin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitton, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payton, Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brannen, Andy
<u>Tift County</u>	<u>Turner County</u>	<u>Ware County</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thompson, Grady	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denham, Nick	Vacant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith, Julie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lumpkin, Sandra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James, Michael-Angelo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlowe, Brian	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> King, Barbara
<u>Governor's Office</u>	<u>Lt. Governor's Office</u>	<u>Speaker's Office</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lovein, Norman "Bo"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stone, Keith	Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daughtrey, Guy		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jones, Johnathon		

Staff Present

Backe, Elizabeth
 Courson, Scott
 Cribb, Lisa
 Dorsey, Rex
 Hobbs, Kimberly
 Hull, Corey
 Strom, Chris
 Strom, Rachel
 Vining, Kim

Guests Present

Diane Westberry

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: Chair Evans reminded those present that a copy of the October minutes had been emailed to members (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Guy Daughtrey made a motion to approve the minutes. Barbara Mae field seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 2020 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT: Chair Evans reminded those present that a copy of the October Revenue and Expenditure Report had been emailed to council members and included in their council packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Kevin Grissom made a motion to accept the October financial report. Michael-Angelo James seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND PERFORMANCE: SGRC Loan Program Director Rex Dorsey referred those present to a copy of a resolution included in their member packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes) to certify the EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is consistent with the area's current economic adjustment strategy; and to certify the RLF is being operated in accordance with the policies and procedures contained in the RLF Plan. He also referred members to a handout included in their member packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes) which explained what the area's adjustment strategy is and shows a comparison of the RLF Portfolio to the RLF Plan. Mr. Dorsey stated that the SGRC is operating the RLF in accordance with the plan, and the portfolio meets the standards contained in the RLF Plan. Barbara King made a motion to approve the EDA RLF resolution. Barbara Mae field seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT FOR AGING SERVICES: SGRC AAA Director Scott Courson referred those present to a copy of a resolution to enter into a contract for aging services included in their member packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Mr. Courson explained that this resolution authorizes the SGRC to enter into a written contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for

FY2022 which begins on July 1, 2021. Matt Seale made a motion to adopt the resolution to enter into a contract for aging services. Vivian Miller-Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/UPDATES:

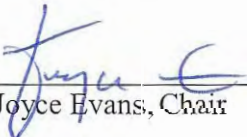
Grants: SGRC CED Director Kimberly Hobbs directed the Council to the project status list in their packets (copy attached and made part of these minutes). Ms. Hobbs stated that the list includes the status of current programs the Community and Economic department has in progress. She shared that currently they are preparing CDBG Mitigation and Infrastructure Grant applications for Douglas, Adel, Ray City, Homeland, Coffee, Cook and Charlton counties. Ms. Hobbs said that they have also submitted four Land Water and Conservation pre-applications for Patterson, Nicholls, Douglas and Lanier county. If invited to submit, final applications will be due May 1st. She shared the deadline for CHIP grants for the region is January 29, 2021. Keeping on the subject of submitting applications, Ms. Hobbs stated that DCA will be going to an online grant platform called "GrAAM" which stands for Grant Application Administration and Management. Once it is fully functional, all grant and loan applications will be submitted online through GrAAM. When a grant or loan is awarded, the GrAAM portal will be used to manage the grant or loan, including uploading payment requests and reporting progress. She explained that now is the time to start working on re-submittals as well as new applications for 2021 CDBG grant opportunities.


Planning: SGRC Planning Director Elizabeth Backe referred those present to a handout listing the various plans that local governments are required to submit, as well as the deadlines for submission (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Ms. Backe stated that staff are currently working on Comprehensive Plan updates for Clinch, Ben Hill, Turner, Brantley, Lanier and Ware Counties. She encouraged council members to review the schedule for upcoming deadlines for their communities and to contact SGRC Planning staff with any questions.

Division Reports: SGRC Executive Director Lisa Cribb referred those present to the division reports in their packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Ms. Cribb asked those present to review the reports to see what the RC is doing in the region each month.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Evans directed all those present to the ribbon cutting invitation in their packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). She encouraged all members to attend the ribbon cutting for the new Valdosta office building to be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:00 am at the new location on Carlton Adams Dr. in Valdosta. Chair Evans also shared with members that Grady Thompson, Chairman of Tift County Commissioners and long-time Council and Executive Committee member, will be retiring at the end of the year.

ADJOURN: As there was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.


Joyce Evans, Chair


Matt Seale, Secretary