



Executive Committee | Summary Minutes

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022

6800 Burluson Road

Building 310, Suite 165

Austin, Texas 78744

Present (19)

Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **Chair**

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **1st Vice Chair**

Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos,

Parliamentarian

Judge Paul Pape, Bastrop County, **Immediate Past Chair**

Mr. Lyle Nelson, City of Bastrop

Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave

Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County

Mayor Lee Ubranovsky, City of Buda

Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County

Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County

Judge Joe Weber, Fayette County

Council Member Esme Mattke Longoria, City of Leander

Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County

Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County

Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss, City of Pflugerville

Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock

Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville

Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County

Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County

Absent (10)

Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **2nd Vice Chair**

Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County, **Secretary**

Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Pitts, City of Georgetown

Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County

Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County

Representative John Cyrier

Representative Celia Israel

Representative Terry Wilson

Representative Erin Zwiener

1. **Call to Order and opening remarks by the Chair**

Mayor Rydell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Consider Approving the Minutes for the January 12, 2022, Meeting**

Mayor Rydell asked for a motion to approve the January 12, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes. A motion was made by Judge Oakley to approve the minutes. Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Accepting the Quarterly Investment Report**

Lisa Bowman, Director of Finance

Ms. Bowman explained that all CAPCOG investments are in TexPool. She stated the ending balance for the quarter was \$28,464,596.12, and the interest rate earned during the quarter was about .037 percent, for \$2,623.68. She mentioned this interest rate is still down and was surprised it wasn't closer to the U.S. Treasury rate, which was .15 percent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dockery to accept the quarterly investment report. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consider Adopting Resolution for CAPCOG FY 2022/2023 TCEQ SW Grant Program Application**

Ken May, Regional Programs Manager

Shelly Hargrove, Director of Community & Economic Development

Mr. May said CAPCOG and all the other COGs get their Solid Waste Program funds from state tipping fees. He noted the state has allocated about 50 percent of the monies from the dedicated fund since 2012 although there have been changes to this process. Mr. May said these funds pay for the program's operational cost but more importantly fund community solid waste grant projects. Ms. Voights mentioned CAPCOG and other COGs are very interested in getting the funding increased in the next Legislative Session, but the COGs will need to do a better job telling their story of how these monies help the

community and will need to put together a better coalition of partners to address the legislature in the future.

Commissioner Dockery asked how this was affecting the grant funding for local communities. Mr. May said CAPCOG has been streamlining its Solid Waste Program for years to pass through as much money as possible to communities. Judge Bray asked if there was anything communities should be doing to help resecure greater funding. Ms. Voights said they need to be willing to tell legislators what the money means to their communities. Commissioner Howard asked if these funds could help communities who are losing garbage collection services because private companies can't profit from servicing those communities. Judge Oakley said Burnet has been faced with that problem as well, to which Commissioner Howard said the counties, that have no statutory obligation to do so, may have to start ensuring the service.

A motion was made by Judge Pape to adopt the resolution for CAPCOG's FY 22 and FY 23 TCEQ Solid Waste Grant Program Application. Judge Oakley seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. Consider Approving Purchase of DroneSense Software for CAPCOG Regional Interoperable Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Public Safety Team

Martin Richey, Director of Homeland Security

Mr. Richey explained the region has been instrumental in creating guidelines for using drones for public safety purposes throughout the state. He said this purchase is so jurisdictions in the region can make use of the same software when operating drones, making them interoperable for their public safety use. Mr. Richey said using drones has helped save lives and provided the recent Bastrop fires as an example. In Bastrop, drones used infrared to detect hotspots and prevent reignition where fires were mostly extinguished. Judge Pape said the drones helped protect property and save lives during the fire.

A motion was made by Judge Cunningham motioned to purchase the DroneSense Software. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees

Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

Ms. Brea said Judge Pape has nominated Eduardo Guerrero from Bastrop County to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Mayor Rydell asked if there were any other appointments to be made. No appointments were made.

A motion was made by Judge Pape to appoint Mr. Guerrero to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Council Member Mattke Longoria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights said CAPCOG's annual audit process has begun, and the auditors will be emailing board members risk assessment questions related to the audit. The email will consist of a cover letter from CAPCOG's finance director. Ms. Voights also stated that Connected Nation has updated statewide broadband infrastructure maps, which are available on their website.

Council Member Baker also announced at 10:00 a.m. March 2, the TCEQ will provide a virtual air quality and monitory presentation for elected officials. The presentation was originally intended for Clean Air Coalition members, but Executive Committee members are welcome to attend.

8. Adjourn

Mayor Rydell adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.


Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

3/9/22
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