

MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 28, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the Titus County Extension Office, located at 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L. D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented the following consent agenda items.

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, August 26, 2021.
- Acceptance of the minutes for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting held Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by John Sellers, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs. It was approved.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Mr. Brown presented, for information only, the Executive Director report. He reviewed the indirect finance reports and explained the percentages of the budget used as in-line with the fiscal year. Mr. Brown also provided updates and statistics for all ATCOG programs.

Mr. Brown provided an update regarding the Build Back Better (BBB) Regional Challenge Grant application. He stated that ATCOG finalized and submitted the BBB grant application and that the grant awards will be announced on December 8, 2021.

Mr. Brown stated that ATCOG closed on the Paris Metro property and is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation for approval to proceed with the architect selection. Upon approval, ATCOG will solicit bids for the rehab of the Paris facility.

Item 6. Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director, presented for review and comment on a grant application by Detroit Independent School District Head Start to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for continuation/refunding of Head Start programs.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 7. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for review and consideration approval of funding priorities for the FY2022/2023 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County. It was approved.

Item 8. Mr. Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the submission of the FY2022/2023 application to TCEQ to administer the Solid Waste Pass-through Grant Program.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Item 9. Mr. Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the draft 20 Year FY2022/2042 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Scott Norton, CEO, TexAmericas. It was approved.

Announcements

Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant, inquired if any of the Executive Committee would be interested in hosting one of the 2022 ATCOG Board of Directors quarterly meetings. Mr. Brown further advised the committee that due to difficulty in securing a meeting location for the 2022 ATCOG Board schedule, any member willing to host a quarterly board meeting would be welcomed to do so.

Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director, announced Mr. Brown's appointment as the 2nd Vice-Chair on the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board. The Executive Committee congratulated Mr. Brown on this achievement.

Judge Williamson announced that a Workforce CEO's meeting will be held immediately following the meeting.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., located at 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as teleconference/webinar.

With no other announcements, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Sellers and seconded by Judge Bell. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County
John Sellers, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County

Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Scott Norton, President/CEO, TexAmericas Center
Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb
Harold Nash, Councilman, City of Sulphur Springs

GUESTS PRESENT

April Corbit, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions
Dan Perry, Texas Department of Transportation
JoAnn Gray, Planner, Texarkana Metropolitan Planner Organization
Nathan Tofoya, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation
Randy Reed, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions
Todd Kleiboer, Sulphur Springs News-Telegram

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Director
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director
Mae Lewis, Housing Director
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator

L. D. Williamson

L D Williamson (Jan 31, 2022 13:10 CST)

L.D. Williamson, President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Brian Lee

Brian Lee (Jan 31, 2022 14:02 CST)
