

GNRC

Greater Nashville Regional Council
501 Union Street, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-1705

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 – 10:45 a.m.
Music City Central
400 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

MINUTES

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ernest Burgess	Rutherford County
Fred Burton	Wilson County
Carroll Carman	Trousdale County
Sam Childs	Coopertown
Jan Compton	TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices
Philip Craighead	Lebanon
Tom Doherty	TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Candy Johnson	Montgomery County
Jerry Kirkman, Mayor-Elect	Westmoreland
David McCullough	Cheatham County
Frank McKee	CTAS
Kim McMillan	Clarksville
Ken Moore	Franklin
Craig Moreland	Trousdale County
Daryl Phillips	Cheatham County
Fred D. Rogers	Hendersonville
Bill Terry	TACIR
Patty Cavanah	GNRC
Sam Edwards	GNRC
Ron Fults	GNRC
Amanda Giner	GNRC-MADC
Grant Green	GNRC
Clara Kelly	GNRC
Jovia King	GNRC
Tim Roach	GNRC
Matt Von Lunen	GNRC
Gayle Wilson	GNRC

CALL TO ORDER

President Kim McMillan called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Music City Central Station, 400 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

President McMillan welcomed any new members and guests.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Jan Compton and Tom Doherty, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) – Office of Sustainable Practices (OSP), gave a presentation on “*Tools For Sustainable Choices*”.

TDEC exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment. The OSP does a bi-weekly newsletter, a quarterly community resource guide and is always available to assist cities and counties with their needs.

Sustainability is not just for environmental but also economics-triple bottom line, future grant opportunities/ resources, improved health and social equity.

What is the vision for your area? What do you want for your community or state? Now? 5 years? 10 years?

The focus areas are: transportation, water management/quality, energy, construction and revitalization of existing infrastructure. Ms. Compton and Mr. Doherty gave examples of how to achieve each of these areas.

There are several awards granted:

Governor’s Environmental Stewardship: annual recognition, various categories, online application, current cycle is due March 31, 2015 and extraordinary recognition ceremony.

Clean Tennessee Energy Grant (CTEG): third round is currently active, maximum grant of \$250,000, 50% match or better (this may include in-kind match), project types (energy conservation, alternative energy, air quality improvements, etc.). OSP has currently reimbursed \$2.4 million and are currently taking applications.

Pharmaceutical Collection Bins: since this program’s inception 46,620 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected. There are presently bins in 64 counties and the OSP goal is 95 counties. GNRC currently has 11 of 13 counties participating. The bins are free of charge.

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Tennessee Connection of Sustainable Communities (grants, community resource list quarterly, etc.)
<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1730498/1719563/?v=a>

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

Gayle Wilson, Assistant Director of Area Agency on Aging and Disability, reported that in the upcoming week a Request For Proposal for a new senior center would be issued due to the loss of a senior center this year. TennCare has also reallocated their Choices dollars and GNRC is receiving an additional \$21,000.

Clara Kelly, Family Caregiver Specialist, stated that this program focuses on the caregiver in order to give them Respite (personal, in-home sitter, homemaking, adult day care, etc.). This program can reimburse up to \$140 per month for people to hire their own caregiver.

About 85% of people receiving long-term care, receive it from their families and friends. These caregivers are juggling multiple responsibilities that may include employment, running the household and sometimes parenting younger children.

Ms. Kelly asked members to urge people in their areas to contact GNRC and ask for help and/or to get information on this program. Help is available is the message.

MID-CUMBELAND AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Amanda Giner, Acting MADC Executive Director, urged members to review the MADC brochure in their packets and explained each program. The programs are: SBA Loan Program, Revolving Loan Fund, Intermediary Relending Program and the Capital Loan Program.

Ms. Giner reinforced to members that MADC is here to assist our communities grow with these lending programs.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Tim Roach, Deputy Executive Director of Research, Planning and Development, informed everyone that if they are planning to apply for a Community Development Block Grant, it is urgent they contact GNRC staff in order to meet the February 2015 deadline for applications.

Mr. Roach also informed members that if you have a Community Development Block Grant and are in need of a Fair Housing Seminar in order to comply with requirements of the Fair Housing Act and multiple grant stipulations, please contact Matt Von Lunen. There will be a seminar on December 8, 2014 at the Dover City Hall at 5:15 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Kim McMillan called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 15, 2014 GNRC Executive Committee meeting.

Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Franklin Mayor Ken Moore seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jovia King, Deputy Fiscal Officer, presented the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2014. The total expenditures for the month of October were \$555,418.82 with \$3,334.83 in pass through. The year-to-date expenditures were \$2,063,638.67 with \$529,005.07 in pass through. The total revenues were \$1,141,253.07. Ms. King stated there was no need to be concerned since GNRC had received over \$940,000 in early November 2014 from the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability. Ms. King also reported that the 3rd Quarter billings of approximately \$270,000 were outstanding.

RESOLUTION GNRC 2015-07

Jovia King, Deputy Fiscal Officer, presented Resolution GNRC 2015-07: Revolving Loan Fund Plan Semi-Annual Certification. Ms. King explained that this is a normal semi-annual certification to the Economic Development Administration that the Revolving Loan Fund Plan is being operated in accordance with required policies and procedures.

Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt made a motion to approve Resolution GNRC 2015-07 as presented. Cheatham County Mayor David McCullough seconded the

motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the resolution were unanimously approved.

PROJECT REVIEW

Tim Roach, Deputy Executive Director of Research, Planning and Development, presented four (4) new projects that were reviewed this reporting period. Staff is recommending approval.

Cheatham County Mayor David McCullough made a motion to approve the projects as submitted. Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sam Edwards, Executive Director/Chief Legal Counsel, presented the FY 2015 Legislative Agenda that was drafted after the October 21, 2014 legislative meeting at the Montgomery Bell State Park Inn Restaurant.

Mr. Edwards explained that the Mass Communications Department at the Middle Tennessee State University was working on the bill regarding what would qualify as a newspaper of general circulation.

We have some suggested legislation to clean-up language in various planning bills.

Mr. Edwards reminded everyone that all the old bills are gone and the 109th Tennessee General Assembly will begin a new session with all new bills.

We are going to be looking for sponsors now and not wait until January or February.

During the legislative session, staff will also be reporting on all the identified legislation of regional interest and we'll emphasize the important bills.

Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt requested a comprehensive list but we need to set priorities on just a few bills. Mr. Holt feels this will be more effective.

Transportation: This is a major concern in the GNRC area and is a critical issue. This should be the #1 issue.

President McMillan states that the Legislative Agenda needs to be shortened into a Top 3 items of major concern and a separate document with all the other issues. The Legislative Agenda will probably change once we see what bills are filed.

GNRC needs to work with the Middle Tennessee Mayors' Caucus.

Mr. Edwards also reported that staff is working on a Joint Resolution between the Senate and House along with a Proclamation for the Governor regarding the importance of Fort Campbell to our entire region.

GNRC will send a modified resolution for our cities and counties.

Mr. Edwards stated that GNRC will revise the Legislative Agenda to make it more concise and focused on the issues critical to the GNRC region.

ThreeStar Regional Workshop Schedule for 2014

A 2014 Regional Workshop schedule was placed in the meeting packet (copy attached) showing that the Northern Middle and Southern Middle Regional meetings will be scheduled at a later time in December. Once the new schedule has been released, it will be sent out to everyone.

The next meeting for the GNRC Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

Sam Edwards, GNRC Executive Director/Chief Legal Counsel, states that the full financial report will be included in future GNRC Executive Committee meetings at the request of some members.

Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt introduced Jerry Kirkland, Mayor-Elect of Westmoreland and welcomed him to the Executive Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Cavanah

Recording Secretary
Executive Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Assistant
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