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NASHVILLE  
REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

**10:15 A.M., Wed., August 16, 2023**

**TN State Library and Archives**

**1001 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville, TN 37219**

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## MEETING AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER; APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**

**Bob Rial**

*Chair*

**2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**a. Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grants (A)**

Representatives from the TN Department of Environment and Conservation will provide an overview of the newly authorized Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grant program.

**TN Department of  
Environment and  
Conservation**

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. No action items**

**5. REGULAR REPORTS:**

**a. Chair's Report**

**Bob Rial**

**b. Executive Director's Report**

**Michael Skipper**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURN\***

\*The Transportation Policy Board will call to order at 11:00 a.m. or immediately following the 10:15 a.m. meeting of the Regional Council body, whichever occurs later.

(A) Indicates an attachment is available in the packet

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## **Agenda Item 1.**

# **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for the Regional Council meeting held on 06/21/23 have been prepared for review and approval.

**ACTION: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

# GNRC MEETING MINUTES

## Regional Council Body

### INFORMATION

**DATE:** June 21, 2023

**LOCATION:** TN State Library and Archives, 1001 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville, TN 37201

**QUORUM:** Yes

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 10:20 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:03 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

|                            | <b>Members Present</b>  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Cheatham Representatives   | Kerry McCarver (County), Gina Anzaldua (Business Rep)   |
| Davidson Representatives   | Ginger Hausser (County), Addam McCormick (Goodlettsville)   |
| Dickson Representatives    | Bob Rial (County)   |
| Montgomery Representatives | Lee Harrell (County), Joe Pitts (Clarksville)   |
| Houston Representatives    | <i>None present</i>   |
| Humphreys Representatives  | Ted Moore (County)  |
| Robertson Representatives  | Billy Vogle (County), Ceagus Clark (White House)  |
| Rutherford Representatives | Joe Carr (County), Chad Berringer (Chamber), Jim Kerr (Murfreesboro)  |
| Stewart Representatives    | <i>None present</i>   |
| Sumner Representatives     | Josh Suddath (County), Paige Brown (Gallatin), Jamie Clary (Hendersonville), Scott Avery (Millersville), Mike Callis (Portland), David Leath (Westmoreland) |
| Trousdale Representatives  | Mae Wright (Social Equity Rep)  |
| Williamson Representatives | Diane Giddens (County), Lisa Anderson (Fairview), Ken Moore (Franklin), Ken McLawhon (Thompson's Station), Kel McDowell (Business Rep)                      |
| Wilson Representatives     | Randall Hutto (County), Rick Bell (Lebanon), Abraham Farias (Mt. Juliet)  |
| TN General Assembly        | <i>None present</i>   |
| Board Secretary            | Michael Skipper   |

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**Council Secretary**

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**Board Chair**

## **AGENDA ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Bob Rial called the Regional Council meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19th meeting.

**Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve, with Mayor Randall Hutto seconding. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **3a. Highlights from the Senior Digital Literacy Program**

Ms. Rachel Solava, Aging and Disability Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, presented an overview of the Digital Literacy Program that GNRC provided to senior centers through a grant from the Senior Trust managed by the West End Home Foundation. The program provided training and access to technology for older adults to maintain their independence, access services, and stay connected to family and friends.

She reported that 11 senior centers hosted the classes, and 142 individuals participated in the course. The response from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, thanked Ms. Solava for pursuing the funding and said this program shows that computer and technology training was a valuable program for seniors. He said GNRC would be looking for opportunities in the coming year to find revenue to continue to offer this type of training throughout the region.

### **3b. Res. GNRC-2024-01 Approving the FY 24 Annual Work Program and Budget**

Mr. Skipper presented the Fiscal Year 2024 annual work program and budget to the members. He said the work program and budget outlines how the agency will carry out its program activities through each department. He reviewed the budget, noting that the \$21.9 million in projected revenue comprises 86% State and Federal grants, 6% local dues, 2% State funding, and 6% program and interest revenue. The \$21.4 million in budgeted expenses includes 50% to community subgrants, 36% to salaries, fringe, and payroll taxes, with the remaining 14% consisting of professional services, other operational expenses, and set-aside funds. He reviewed GNRC's administrative costs and stated that the agency's overhead rate was 12%.

The FY24 budget highlights include the following:

- 2 cents per capita increase in the local dues rate to 37 cents per capita,
- One-time \$120,000 supplemental appropriation from the State budget,
- American Rescue Plan Act funds for Aging programs,
- Full funding for the Council's required set-asides for cash and reserve, the capital fund, and government affairs,

- Pay increases for staff hired before July 1 and other adjustments for promotions, reclassifications, and pay equity,
- More than \$10 million in subgrants to communities, organizations, or individuals to help improve quality of life, and
- The budget leverages more than one billion dollars in additional state and federal grants for local communities

**Mr. Ken McLawhon moved to approve Resolution GNRC 2024-01 Approving the Annual Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Mayor Joe Pitts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3c. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024**

Mr. Skipper explained that it is customary for the officers to serve two one-year terms. Mayor Ken Moore reported that the nominating committee’s slate of officers for consideration is Mayor Bob Rial for Chair, Mayor Joe Pitts for Vice-Chair, Mayor Kerry McCarver for Treasurer, and Ex-officio Secretary Michael Skipper. There were no nominations from the floor.

**Mayor Moore moved to accept the slate of officers as presented, with Mayor Billy Vogle seconding. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. REGULAR REPORTS**

### **4a. Chair’s Report**

Mayor Rial said he had no report.

### **4b. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Skipper said he would contact the mayors and county executives over the next month to get the names of their appointments of business and social equity representatives to the Regional Council and representatives to the Aging Advisory Committee and the MADC Board.

He said all members would need to caucus within their counties to determine the County’s representative on GNRC’s Board of Directors. He offered to facilitate the process as was done the prior year. He reminded the members that all local government members and representatives must complete the proxy form to designate a voting alternative.

Mr. Skipper briefly went over the upcoming meeting dates and anticipated agenda items.

#### *July 19 Transportation Policy Board:*

- Adopt TIP Amendments
- Adopt FYs 024-2025 Transportation Planning Work Program
- Update the Transportation Modernization Act Funding Opportunities

#### *August 16 Regional Council Body*

- Report on Solid Waste Strike Force Activities
- Information about TDEC Brownfields Grant Program

## **AGENDA ITEM 5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Michael Mills, Director of Economic and Community Development, informed the members about a competitive grant solicitation from TDEC to fund water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. He said grant applications will be submitted through TDEC's Grants Management System (GMS). He said GNRC staff could assist in submitting applications and administering the grant if awarded. The application deadline for submission is August 8<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on the GNRC website at [www.gnrc.org/grants](http://www.gnrc.org/grants).

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

## **Agenda Item 3a.**

# **TDEC Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grants**

Effective July 1, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is authorized to fund Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grants. This grant program was established to help fund the identification, investigation, and remediation of brownfield projects.

### **What are Brownfields?**

Brownfields are defined as property, where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

### **About the Presentation**

TDEC will provide a baseline of information to communities who may be prospective purchasers of an abandoned industrial, commercial, or agricultural property with known or suspected contamination and how to avoid liability for the contamination.

**ACTION: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**