

## **GNRC**

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Greater Nashville Regional Council  
220 Athens Way, Suite 200  
Nashville, Tennessee 37228

GNRC Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 10:15 a.m.  
At TN State Library & Archives  
1001 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville, TN

### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Diana Alarcon	Metro Nashville-Davidson County
Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Rick Bell	Lebanon
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Mike Callis	Portland
Stephen Chambers	Trousdale County
Jamie Clary	Hendersonville
Margot Fosnes	Robertson Co. Business Rep.
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Randall Hutto	Wilson County
Jim Kerr	Murfreesboro
Bill Ketron	Rutherford County
Kenny Martin	Mt. Juliet
Ken McLawhon	Thompson's Station
Ken Moore	Franklin
Andrew Pieri	Millersville
Joe Pitts	Clarksville
Mary Esther Reed	Smyrna
Michael Skipper	GNRC
James Smalling	Westmoreland
Billy Vogle	Robertson County
Mae Wright	Social Equity Rep. Trousdale County

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Mayor Paige Brown called the GNRC Executive Board to order at 10:18 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

## **APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Brown asked for any questions or changes for the minutes. There were none.

Mayor Joe Pitts moved to approve the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes.  
Mayor Bill Ketron seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **a. Approve Monthly Financial Report**

Ms. Megan Nelson, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial report through March 31, 2022. She went over the six key metrics used to monitor GNRC's financial health. These are: 1) member dues – 57% are paid, 2) annual budget of which 53% has been expended through March 31, 2022, 3) cash on hand which is 34 days of available funding, 4) cash savings (Capital fund, dedicated match, and cash reserves) totally \$2.48M, 5) programs within budget – currently 35 of 35 programs, and 6) outstanding invoices, currently totaling \$1.11M with 16% received.

As of March 31, 2022, the GNRC had \$3.5M in cash, \$11M in revenues from invoices, \$1.1M amount due from invoices, and \$11M in total revenue.

Mayor Paige Bown moved to approve the monthly financial report with Mayor Anthony Holt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b. Resolution GNRC 2022-09 Approving a Continuation Budget through September 2022**

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, said that GNRC budget is from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. He said that due to the many funds that come from the federal government, the final budget is approved at the annual meeting in September. This resolution funds GNRC through September. It is 25% of the total approved budget.

Mayor Bob Rial moved to adopt the Resolution GNRC 2022-09. Mayor Pitts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **a) FY 2021 Annual Financial Audit**

Ms. Jennifer Manternach, Principal of Crosslin Certified Public Accountants, said that the audit is as of June 30, 2021. She said that they are required to communicate the results. She said that a clean opinion was issued. The audit has been submitted to the state and the feds. She said that to do the audit her company is required to be independent. The audit was performed under government auditing standards.

She said that there were no findings this year.

Mayor Pitts commended the staff on a great audit.

The annual audit is available online at [www.gnrc.org/audit](http://www.gnrc.org/audit)

### **b) Presentation of Tennessee Three-Star Designations**

Mr. Matt Von Lunen, GNRC Chief Economic Development Officer, introduced Ms. Jody Sliger, TN Dept. of Economic & Community Development. She said that the asset-based planning component helps communities develop goals to maximize their local assets to drive economic development. Ms. Sliger said that the Three-Star Designation program has been in effect since 1980. It makes eligible for other ECD and rural development programs. She said that our 13 counties have received \$46M since its inception. Mayor Rogers Anderson asked if documentation via Zoom is still being accepted? Ms. Sliger said yes.

To learn more, go to [www.tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/threestar](http://www.tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/threestar)

## **REGULAR REPORTS**

### **a) PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mayor Brown read Resolution GNRC-2022-10 Recognizing Matthew Von Lunen for the Unparalleled Loyalty and Exceptional Service to the Elected Officials, Local Communities, and Partner Organizations of the Greater Nashville Regional Council.

Mayor Holt moved to approve the Resolution with Mayor Pitts seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Skipper said that he was very appreciative of Mr. Von Lunen's service. Mr. Von Lunen thanked the group for the opportunity to serve. He said that he had learned a lot from everyone during his time with the GNRC and to please keep using the GNRC.

Mayor Brown said that the members have learned a lot from Mr. Von Lunen and that everyone was sorry to see him go. She wished him well.

## **b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Skipper introduced Ms. Rebecca Nofi, the Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager. Ms. Nofi went over the volunteer highlights for 2021.

Ms. Nofi said that volunteers contributed 19,199 hours (a 27% increase over 2020). These hours are worth over \$470,950. There were 1,054 active volunteers in 2021 with 30 reporting over 100 hours of service (a 36% increase over 2020). There were 1,011 new users in the volunteer portal.

She said that between April, 2020 and December 2021, volunteers have sent 41,608 letters to seniors and disabled individuals in nursing homes and assisted living facilities for GNRC's letter writing campaign.

The Medicare counseling program assisted 8,140 total clients for a total of 9,120 hours.

Mayor Brown said that the numbers show the many days/weeks of work that these volunteers give. She said that this is where people are touched.

Mr. Skipper said that Ms. Nofi is the best at her job.

Mr. Skipper thanked Ms. Megan Nelson and her finance team for the work over the past year.

Mr. Skipper reminded the board that the Transportation Policy Board meeting for June will meet at the TN Bankers Association building at 211 Athens Way.

Mr. Skipper said there will not be another meeting of the Executive Board until October. He said that the Annual meeting will be in September. The Transportation Policy Board will meet in August and September. He said that at the October meeting of the Executive Board there will be a discussion of land conservation during rapid growth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Edwards  
Recording Secretary