

-- ATTACHMENT A --

BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2009

MINUTES

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments met on November 6, 2009 in the Conference Room of the BCDCOG Office, 1362 McMillan Avenue, North Charleston, SC. After determining that there was a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by the Chairman, Keith Summey. The Chairman then asked Rev. Reid to open the meeting with a prayer. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Keith Summey, Tyrone Aiken, Opal Baldwin, Carl Beckmann, Aaron Brown, Robert Brown, Sam Brownlee, Dan Davis, Lester Dempsey, Jamie Feltner, Larry Hargett, Michael Heitzler, Anne Keller, Tim Mallard, Mary Miller, Earl Mitchell, Elaine Morgan, Caldwell Pinckney, Eugene Platt, Mathew Profit, Robert Reid, Samuel Robinson, Billy Swails, James Williams

Members Absent:

Timothy Callanan, Richard Cronin, Steve Davis, Samuel Hart, Jack Hoey, Jr., Ralph James, Joseph Jefferson, Anne Johnston, Allen June, Deb Morinelli, Teddie Pryor, Victor Rawl, Phillip Siegrist, Carl Smith, Louis Waring, William Wert, Seth Whipper

Proxies:

Mary Jo Thomas for Mary Clark
Marc Hehn for William Peagler
Lester Dempsey for Michael Rose
Kevin Mitchell for Kruger Smith
Hernan Pena for Joseph Riley
Keith Summey for Elliott Summey
Johnnie Cribb for Minnie Blackwell

Guests:

Shelia Powey, WL Golightly, Mac Burdette, Paul Smith, Eric King, Kristen Champagne, Betty Simmons, Katie Zimmerman, Randy Pierce, Bob Milhous, James Michaelson, Clay Duffie, Sue Stevens, Nell Daniels

Staff:

Ron Mitchum, Robin Mitchum, Andrea Kozloski, Jeff Burns, Alec Brebner, Harun Rashid, Jessica Gillis, Vonie Gilreath, Tara Frederick

Item II - Consideration of Minutes:

Rev. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the November 6, 2009. The motion passed with no objections.

Item III -Presentation of the FY 08/09 Audit – Robert Milhous, CPA, PA

Mr. Robert Milhous gave the board a brief overview of the FY 08/09 audit. He stated audit records showed an unqualified clean opinion on your financial statements. He stated this is the

highest assurance that you can receive on your financial statements. The report was accepted as information.

Item IV – New Carolina Transportation and Logistics Cluster Report – Peter Wertimer

Mr. Wertimer presented the board with a power point presentation. He stated New Carolina was originally SC Council on Competitiveness. He stated a group of business people from around the state came together to focus on cluster theories. He stated the Cluster's goal is to organize and improve our ability to compete in the global market place. Mr. Wertimer stated SC is losing ground to its competitors and must get back into the game. He spoke about the natural seaports, Extensive Highway System & Trucking Industry, miles of rail, airports, as well as port expansion.

Mr. Mitchum stated that Beth Meredith, the Lowcountry representative for New Carolina, is housed at the COG office. He stated the information Mr. Wertimer presented will be on the COG website.

Item V – Berkeley / Dorchester Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Alec Brebner

Alec Brebner gave the board a brief overview of the Hazard Mitigation plan. He presented the board with a power point presentation. The presentation included information on the purpose of the plan, which is to provide a method that sustains the mitigation planning, enhances public awareness, provides a decision tool for management, promotes compliance with State and Federal programs, enhances local polices for hazard mitigation capability, ensures inter-jurisdictional coordination. He also stated funding was available on July 14th, but we were only give 75 days to implement the task.

Item VI – Water Quality Management Planning

Chairman Summey stated there has been a request from Awendaw to not take any action on item b-2 on the agenda in order for the water quality management planning committee could receive more information in regards to this issue, therefore this item will be sent back to the committee.

Mr. Mitchum stated the COG has the responsibility under an agreement with SCDHEC to allocate the capacity of the Cooper River, Ashley River, and the Charleston Harbor System. He stated a new model has been created, but the standard has changed. He stated the old standard is .1 and the new standard is .10. Due to the change, adjustments had to be made and there is a recommendation for the board to consider. He would like for the board to include 12 MGD for Lower Dorchester and allow the COG to finalize the details with Dorchester County and Summerville CPW at a later date. Mr. Heitzler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beckmann to approve the request as presented. The motion passed with no objections.

Mr. Mitchum stated there is a request from Dorchester County to amend the 208 plan to include an upgrade to the St. George Waste Water Treatment Plant. On a motion of Ms. Miller, seconded by Rev. Reid the motion passed with no objections

Item VII – ARRA Energy Funds – Status Report

Mr. Mitchum stated the COG has not yet received official notice in regards to the stimulus funds associated with energy. He also stated there may be some funds available and would like to re-solicit applications as soon as the information is available. Rev. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beckman to approve the request to re-solicit applications at the appropriate time. The motion passed with no objections.

Item VIII – Mobility Management Project – Status Report

Mr. Mitchum stated the Mobility Management Project Status Report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Item IX – Community & Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI) Update – Jeff Burns

Mr. Hargett stated President Obama is getting ready to establish a new Department of Resilience. He stated this study will go to ten other cities in the United States. He stated the CARRI project is a very good one.

Item X. Revolving Loan Fund / Financial Status Report

Robin Mitchum stated there are loans that are in default, but staff is working with the companies to resolve those issues. She also stated that the RLF program has money to lend. She stated the Financial Status Report ending October 31, 2009 everything is in good shape.

Item XI. Other Business

Mayor Baldwin stated it has been an honor to represent the entire St. Paul area on the COG board. Stated she has presented information to the Town council and they feel it is time for the Town of Ravenel to have separate representation on the COG board. She stated the Town of Hollywood gave their representation to the Town of Meggett and the Mayor of Meggett has turned it over to a council member. She stated she does not think they have the same issues as Town of Ravenel. She asked that the by-laws be changed if possible to allow the Town of Ravenel to have a representative on the COG board. Chairman Summey stated the request will be sent to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hargett stated the Smoke Free Low Country Coalition has requested assistance at a Smoke Free Seminar on Thursday, January 21 from 5:30 to 8pm. Not sure of the location at this time.

Mr. Mitchum stated the COG belongs to the Statewide Association of Regional Councils (SCARC). He stated the SCARC board needs some representation from the COG board. Rev Reid currently represents the COG, but two other members are needed. Mr. Mallard and Mr. Dempsey asked for information

Item XII. General Public Comment

None

Item XII. Chairman's Time

None