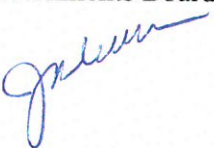




MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board Members

FROM: Randy Imler, Executive Director 

DATE: August 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Next Council of Governments Quarterly Board Meeting
4:00 PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

The next meeting of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council's offices, Catawba Regional Center, 215 Hampton Street in Rock Hill.

The Board will consider an amendment to the region's Transportation Improvement Plan and proposed comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) consolidation.

The Board also will consider acceptance of a \$240,000 U.S. Economic Development Administration grant and commitment of matching funds for a new Agribusiness Loan Fund. The Board also will receive a briefing about a new U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Facilities program.

Finally, updated 2016 Economic Indicators for each county in the Catawba Region, including commuting patterns and major commercial and industry clusters, will be presented to the Board. The 2016-2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies also will be considered by the Board.

Please let us know if you will be unable to attend this meeting. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments

We look forward to seeing you on August 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.



**Catawba Regional Council of Governments
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

August 25, 2016

4:00 p.m.

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| I. Call to Order/Invocation | Mr. Branham |
| II. Approval of Minutes from the 6/2/16 COG Board Meeting (<i>Minutes are attached.</i>) | Mr. Branham |
| III. Presentation of 6/30/16 Summary Financial Reports (<i>The 6/30/16 Operating Statement and FYE16 Internally-prepared Financial Statements are attached.</i>) | Ms. Watts |
| IV. Consideration of U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant for \$240,000, with match-fund commitment from the Council | Mr. Imler |
| V. Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments for the Catawba Region | Mr. Moody |
| VI. Consideration of proposed Public Comments for the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) regarding policy changes for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) across Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs) | Mr. Moody |
| VII. Discussion of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Lending Project and Catawba Regional's potential participation as a program re-lender | Mr. Imler |
| VIII. Presentation of Economic Indicators Reporting by County and Region | Mr. McKinney |
| IX. FY17 Update to Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) for the Catawba Region | Mr. Vance |
| X. Other Business | Mr. Branham |
| XI. Regional Roundup | Mr. Branham |
| XII. Adjourn for SC Association of Regional Councils (SCARC) Picture | |