



Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Agenda

By Zoom

May 21, 2020

4:00 p.m.

NOTE: The attachments for this meeting are too large to send via email. All meeting attachments are located at the Catawba COG website: www.catawbacog.org. If possible, please review these documents prior to the meeting.

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| I. Call to Order, Invocation, and Introductions | Mr. Hart |
| II. Consideration of Minutes from the February 13, 2020
COG Board Meeting
<i>(Attachment – CRCOG Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 2.13.2020)</i> | Mr. Hart |
| III. Review of March 31, 2020 (9 month interim) Operating Statement
<i>(Attachments - FY2021 Budget Document and RLF – COVID-19
FY2021 Budget)</i> | Ms. Chitwood |
| IV. Insights - COVID-19 Impact Survey – Chernoff Newman
<i>(Attachments - Insights Survey and Powerpoint Presentation)</i> | Mr. Price/
Mr. Overdyke |
| V. Consideration of Transportation Items | Mr. Allen/
Ms. Drane |
| A. FY21-27 Rural Transportation Improvement Program | |
| B. Consideration of Guideshare Advance/Repayment from SC DOT | |
| C. Consideration of 5310 Rural Transit Grant Recommendations
<i>(Attachments - 1) COG Board Transportation Update Memo 5.13.2020,
2) TIP 2021-2027 Final to Board, 3) Catawba COG Financial
Statement 5.14.2020, and 4) Section 5310 Transit Grant Summaries and
Recommendations)</i> | |
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VI. Consideration of FY2021 Program of Work (Attachment – FY2021 Catawba Regional Program of Work)	Mr. Imler
VII. Consideration of FY2021 Operating and Passthrough Budgets (Attachment – FY2021 Budget Document)	Mr. Imler/ Ms. Chitwood
VIII. Other Business	Mr. Hart
IX. Regional Roundup	Mr. Hart
X. Adjourn	

CRCOG Quarterly Meeting - Agenda Detail

- **Call to Order/Invocation/Introductions/Consideration of Minutes**

After the Call to Order, Introductions of staff and guests, the minutes from the last Council of Governments quarterly meeting (attached) will be considered for adoption.

- **Presentation of the March 31, 2020 (nine month interim) Operating Statement**

Ms. Chitwood will present the interim financial results as of March 31, 2020. As of that date, operating revenues were \$1,634,804 and operating expenses were \$1,642,506, with a slight operating deficit of (\$7,702). Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) passthrough revenues and expenses were \$1,739, 753, and EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant passthrough revenues and expenses were \$331,321. SC Agribusiness loan fund grant revenue was \$362,912, which required matching funds from the COG of \$90,728. Total revenues exceeded expenses by \$272,184.

- **Insights - COVID-19 Impact Survey – Chernoff Newman**

The Board will hear a presentation from principals of Chernoff Newman, an integrated marketing, communications, and business strategy firm with headquarters in Columbia, SC and offices throughout the Carolinas. Chernoff Newman recently conducted a survey of attitudes and concerns of citizens in South Carolina and North Carolina related to COVID-19. Mr. Tye Price, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategist, and Mr. Fenton Overdyke, Vice President and Director of Research, will discuss this research and findings from the firm’s Insights Survey.

- **Consideration of Transportation Items**

Mr. Steve Allen, Senior Planner, will present transportation planning items for the Board’s consideration, including the FY21-27 update of the region’s rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). SC DOT requires that all COG regions and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) update their respective TIPs for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Mr. Allen will review the recommendations from the COG’s Transportation Advisory Committee, including an advancement of guideshare funds from SC DOT to allow our TIP to be financially constrained (a requirement of the Federal Highways Administration). The Board will be asked to consider this advance of guideshare funds as part of the financial plan for the new TIP.

Ms. Kara Drane, Senior Planner, will present Section 5310 Transit Grant rankings and recommendations from the Transit Grant Committee. Section 5310 grant funds are used to purchase vehicles for transit programs operating throughout the region. The Board will then consider these recommendations.

- **Consideration of FY2021 Program of Work**

Mr. Imler will discuss the Program of Work which has been developed for FY2021, including recent funding committed from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, FEMA, and other federal agencies. The Board will be asked to endorse the work plan as it relates to the FY2021 COG Operating and Passthrough budgets.

- **Consideration of the FY2021 CRCOG Operating and Passthrough Budgets**

Mr. Imler and Ms. Chitwood will present the FY2021 operating and passthrough budgets which have been reviewed by the Executive Committee of the COG Board. The FY2021 Budget has been approved by the Executive Committee and comes as a motion to the full Board of Directors.

- **Other Business**

- **Regional Roundup**

A representative from each county will be asked to identify a key initiative or activity underway in his or her respective county.

- **Adjourn**