



Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 19, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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| I. | Call to Order / Invocation | Ms. McGriff |
| II. | Consideration of Minutes from the May 23, 2024, COG Board Meeting
<i>(Attachment)</i> | Ms. McGriff |
| III. | Review of FYE24 Internal Financial Statements and August 31, 2024, (2-month interim) FY25 Operating Statements <i>(Attachments)</i> | Ms. Chitwood |
| IV. | Presentation on U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions | Ms. Morgan /
Ms. Mixon |
| V. | Presentation on Changes in Low-to-Moderate Income Census Tracts and Demographics in Census Designated Places Across the Catawba Region | Mr. Little |
| VI. | Consideration of City of Rock Hill Life Sciences Memorandum of Understanding <i>(Attachment)</i> | Mr. Imler |
| VII. | Endorsement of Public Comment - Charlotte Water Interbasin Transfer <i>(Attachment)</i> | Mr. Imler |
| VIII. | Director's Report: Awards, Recognitions, and Presentations | Mr. Imler |
| IX. | Other Business | Mr. Imler |
| X. | Regional Roundup | Ms. McGriff |
| XI. | Adjourn | Ms. McGriff |

CRCOG Board Quarterly Meeting - Agenda Detail

- **Call to Order / Invocation / Consideration of Minutes from the May 23, 2024, COG Board Meeting**

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

- **Review of FYE24 Internal Financial Statements and August 31, 2024, (2-month interim) FY25 Operating Statements**

Ms. Chitwood will present the FYE24 internally generated year-end financial statements (attached) and the August 31, 2024, (2-month interim) internally generated operating statement (attached).

Fiscal Year 2024

For FYE24 (6/30/24), total operating revenue before passthroughs was \$3,282,396. Total operating expenses before passthroughs were \$2,905,139, generating a residual operating surplus of \$377,257. Total passthrough revenues and expenses were \$2,546,740. EDA COVID-19 RLF grant revenue was \$1,002,640, and transfers to CRDC were \$60,887, bringing the Council's total residual revenues (net income) to \$1,319,020 for FY24. As a result, the Council's total fund balances increased from \$18,892,870 at FYE23 to \$20,211,890 at FYE24.

Interim Fiscal Year 2025

Total year-to-date (two months) operating revenue was \$529,476, and total operating expenses were \$483,574, providing an operating surplus of \$45,902. Passthrough revenues and expenses of \$454,260 and RLF COVID-19 grant revenue of \$275,000 generated total residual revenues (net income) of \$320,902 as of August 31, 2024.

- **Presentation on U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions**

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Mixon will present an overview of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Board will receive a handout about these requirements.

- **Presentation on Changes in Low-to-Moderate Income Census Tracts and Demographics in Census Designated Places Across the Catawba Region**

Mr. Little will provide information about the significant changes in the low-to-moderate income census tracts across the Catawba Region. He also will discuss an internally developed tool that maps criteria such as income, education, healthcare coverage, etc. by Census Designated Places, municipal boundaries, and unincorporated areas of counties in the Catawba Region.

- **Consideration of City of Rock Hill Life Sciences Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Imler will present for consideration the Rock Hill Life Sciences Memorandum of Understanding (attached). The resolution is coming as a recommendation from the Executive Committee.

- **Endorsement of Public Comment - Charlotte Water Interbasin Transfer**

Mr. Imler will provide an update on the Charlotte Water Interbasin Transfer issue. The Board will be asked to endorse the recent public comment (attached) as previously approved by the Executive Committee.

- **Director's Report: Awards, Recognitions, and Presentations**

Mr. Imler will provide a brief update regarding recent awards, recognitions, and presentations.

- **Other Business**

Ms. Chitwood will provide information about the upcoming SC COGs Annual Training Conference, which will be held November 24 – 26, 2024, at Embassy Suites, Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. All Council Board members are invited and encouraged to attend. The focus of this year's conference is Transportation.

- **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**

CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Catawba Regional Center
Rock Hill, South Carolina
May 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Notice of the meeting was sent to the local newspaper and posted on the Council's website.

The following members were present:

Chester

Nettie Archie
Joe Branham, Vice-Chair
Bill Bundy

Lancaster

Sean Corcoran
Alston DeVenny
Steve Harper
Charlene McGriff, Chair

Union

Doug Gilliam
Ernest Moore
Phillip Russell II
Harold E. Thompson
Leroy Worthy

York

Dean Faile
Watts Huckabee
Bo Legg
Stacey Moore
David O'Neal
Chad Williams

The following members were absent:

Chester

Randy Ligon
Carlos Williams

Lancaster

Eddie Moore
Brandon Newton
Russell Patrick

York

Debi Cloninger
Brent Faulkenberry
Mike Fuesser
Tom Hyslip
Todd Lumpkin
William Roddey
Gynn Savage
Laura Ullrich

Others present included the following:

Guests

Jimmy Bagley

Mike Moore

Randall Young

Staff

Steve Allen
Amanda Baker
Amy Chitwood

Randy Imler
Tyler Lewis
Eleanor Mixon

Elizabeth Morgan
Grazier Rhea
Jessica Sawyers

Following the Call to Order and Invocation, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024, COG Board Meeting. The motion was duly seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously as written.

I. Presentation of the March 31, 2024, (9-month interim) Operating Statement

Ms. Chitwood reviewed the March 31, 2024, (9-month interim) internally generated financial statements. Total year-to-date operating revenue was \$2,408,168, and total operating expenses were \$2,163,472, providing an operating surplus of \$244,696. Passthrough revenues and expenses of \$1,788,167, COVID-19 RLF grant draws of \$791,420, and transfers to CRDC (elevator) of \$30,438 generated total net revenues of \$1,036,116 as of March 31, 2024. The Board received this report as information.

II. CDBG and SC RIA Applications Reminder

Ms. Rhea provided the Board with an update on when the next round of grant applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA) programs are due. The COG's Community Development Department will send out a notice to local governments on June 3 about grants that will be due in September. The CDBG application request deadline is August 16 with applications due on September 16. SC RIA applications will be due in mid-September as well. The COG is asking localities to fill out a Local Government Request for Grant Application Assistance form if application assistance is desired.

Ms. Morgan provided information related to the new EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program, which is a replacement grant program. The application deadline is July 25, 2024. At least three vehicles must be replaced with zero-emission vehicles. There is a mandatory cost share and a maximum grant amount. If a locality is interested in pursuing this opportunity, the Community Development Department is available to provide assistance.

III. Overview of Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group

Mr. Bagley, Assistant City Manager for the City of Rock Hill and the current Chair of the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG), provided a brief history and overview regarding the organization, its members, and the core functions of the group. For additional background information, please see <https://www.catawbawatereewmg.org/>.

IV. Consideration of 2015-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Allen provided an overview of recommended LRTP amendments. These include a sidewalk master plan and five intersection improvements in Chester, Lancaster, Union, and York counties (attached). If approved, these amendments will be included in the LRTP Priority Projects list. Additionally, Mr. Allen presented three recommended regional mobility plan priority corridor projects in Lancaster and York counties. If approved, these amendments will be included in the LRTP Regional Mobility Plan Priority Corridor Projects list. The Transportation Advisory Committee has considered these projects and recommends moving forward with the Regional Mobility Plan Projects and the new Priority Project Amendments.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the 2015-2040 LRTP amendments for priority projects. No second was needed because the recommendation came from the Executive Committee. Summary information about each of these approved projects is attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

Mr. Allen also provided an overview of the recommended TIP amendment for the City of Union Sidewalk Master Plan (attached). If approved, this amendment will be forwarded to the SC DOT Commission for inclusion in the STIP. The Transportation Advisory Committee considered this project at its May 2024 meeting.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the proposed TIP amendment. No second was needed because the recommendation came from the Executive Committee.

Mr. Allen shared that two SC DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications written by the COG on behalf of localities in the region were awarded recently. The two awarded grants are for streetscape projects in the Town of Jonesville and the Town of Kershaw.

V. Pre- and Post-Pandemic Comparative Analysis of CRCOG's Programmatic Work and Impact

Ms. Mixon and Mr. Lewis presented a summary comparative analysis of the COG's pre-and post-pandemic work by division. This information was provided to help the Board understand operational and strategic changes in the organization since the pandemic. It also was prepared as context for the proposed FY25 CRCOG Program of Work.

VI. Consideration of FY25 Program of Work

Mr. Imler presented the Council's proposed FY25 Program of Work, including planning and programmatic work with federal, state, and local governments and agencies. Mr. Imler indicated that the COG has the following goals for FY25:

- Planning, Transportation, and GIS: Increase planning related revenue from additional technical assistance contracts with localities (roving administrator/financial/planning), transportation projects, and other/project-focused planning
- Community and Economic Development: Submit 15 new grant applications for \$10 million; effectively manage current book of business, especially SCIIP projects
- Workforce: Increase WIOA participants served (from new center location in Chester County), particularly in adult and dislocated worker populations and in hard-to-reach rural areas (access points and mobile outreach/job fairs)
- Business Lending: Strategic loan production across programs – 1) Disburse (draw) remaining \$1 million of COVID-19 RLF grant; 2) Originate at least eight loans for \$3 million including one IRP and one Community Advantage SBA 7(a) loan; 3) Prepare for and manage staff transition

- Brownfields: Complete disbursement of \$1.5 million assessment grants for a total of 50 sites statewide and originate two new cleanup loans. Negotiate with SCDES (DHEC) regarding recapitalization of SC BEST
- Staffing: 1) Increase business lending/brownfields staff by one full time employee for succession planning; 2) evaluate grants workload distribution as continued portfolio growth may require; 3) potentially engage contract staff to manage strategic communications, regional initiatives, and local government administration/ finance/ planning

VII. Consideration of FY25 General Operating, Special Funds, and Passthrough Budgets

Ms. Chitwood reviewed the proposed FY25 budgets. Total revenue is expected to increase from \$3,239,372 in FY24 to \$3,569,877 in FY25 due to higher interest rates on general fund and special funds deposits. Total personnel expenses are proposed to increase to \$2.7 million. Additionally, the proposed budget includes an increase for professional services from \$70,000 in FY24 to \$130,000 in FY25 as staff anticipates contractual expenses for communications and additional professional staff assistance to support small local governments in the region. Total expenses are expected to be \$3,237,250 for FY25. Passthrough expenses are budgeted to be \$3,338,000. Additional expenses include a transfer to the Catawba Regional Development Corporation for improvements to the 215 Hampton Street parking lot. Also, a small reserve will be set aside for hail damage repairs not completed by June 30, 2024. Finally, the remainder of the COVID-19 RLF grant must be drawn in FY25. Total anticipated excess of revenues over expenditures in FY25 is \$975,542. Of this, \$8,477 is projected to increase unrestricted fund balances, while the remaining \$967,065 is projected to accrue to restricted fund balances.

Following discussion, the Chair brought a motion for approval of the proposed FY25 budgets upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Coming from committee, the motion required no second, and the motion to approve the FY25 General Operating, Special Funds, and Passthrough Budgets passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session to discuss Legal, Contractual, and Services Items per SC Code § 30-4-70

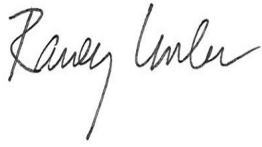
A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the Board to go to executive session with Mr. Imler, Ms. Mixon, and Ms. Chitwood invited to remain. At the conclusion of executive session, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to come out of executive session. There was no action taken by the Board following executive session.

IX. Regional Roundup

Representatives from each county provided brief highlights about projects and activities in their respective cities and counties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Imler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Imler
Executive Director

Consideration of 2015-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

May 23, 2024

Regional Mobility Program Priority Corridor Projects			
Project Name	Project Type	Cost Estimated	County
SC-5 York County Line to US 521 **Intersection: Highway 5/Steel Hill Road **Intersection: Highway 5/Riverside-W Rebound Intersection: Highway 5/Old Hickory Highway 5/Old Church Road **Already in TIP	Corridor Intersection Improvement Projects	\$7,000,000	Lancaster
SC-5/Alexander Love Hwy E to US 321/Congress St. SC 5 /Alexander Love Hwy at SC 161 SC 161 at Cooperative Way SC 161 at USPS Driveway SC 161 at York Village Shopping Center SC 161 at McFarland Road SC 161 at Roosevelt Street SC 161 at US 321 (Congress Street)	Corridor Intersection Improvement Projects	\$9,190,000	York
SC 9/E. Arch St. to SC 200/Monroe Hwy. US 521 Bypass at Townview Road US 521 Bypass at Quality Drive US 521 Bypass at Meeting Street/Camp Creek Road US 521 Bypass at Clinton Avenue	Corridor Intersection Improvement Projects	\$4,705,000	Lancaster
Priority Projects Amendments New Project			
Project Name	Project Type	Cost Estimated	County
City of Union Sidewalk Master Plan	Sidewalk Master Plan	\$75,000	Union
US-521 and S-29-75 (Rebound Rd)	Intersection	\$2,000,000	Lancaster
SC-9/Commerce Dr. (Local)	Intersection	\$3,000,000	Chester
US-176/SC-49 (Rice St)	Intersection	\$500,000	Union
SC-99/SC-97	Intersection	\$2,000,000	Chester
US-321/ S-46-4 (Old North Main St)	Intersection	\$2,000,000	York

TIP Project Amendment			
Project Name	Project Type	Cost Estimated	County
City of Union Sidewalk Master Plan	Sidewalk Master Plan	\$75,000	Union

**CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	Operating Fund 3/31/2024 COG	Restricted Legacy 3/31/2024 RLF	Restricted COVID 3/31/2024 SCBLF	Restricted 3/31/2024 SCALF	Consolidated (75% of original) 3/31/2024	Revised FY2024	Consolidated Proposed FY2025	Notes
REVENUE								
Participating Local Governments	\$ 160,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,232	\$ 223,293	\$ 223,293	
State Aid to Councils of Governments	108,258	-	-	-	108,258	144,344	144,344	
Interest and Other Income	73,805	-	-	-	73,805	100,000	85,000	Higher Rates
Total Local, State Aid, and Other	342,295	-	-	-	342,295	467,637	452,637	
Community Development Contracts	266,080	-	-	-	266,080	360,000	375,000	
Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Contracts	52,229	-	-	-	52,229	70,000	50,000	
SCIIP Funded RIA Contracts	98,759	-	-	-	98,759	132,000	125,000	
SCIIP Rural Infrastructure Contracts	41,356	-	-	-	41,356	50,000	100,000	
ARC Planning Grant and Projects	59,278	-	-	-	59,278	80,000	80,000	
Union County ARC Planning Grant Match	3,934	-	-	-	3,934	15,735	12,240	
Neighborhood Initiative Program	7,361	-	-	-	7,361	10,000	5,000	
Total Community and Economic Development Grants	528,997	-	-	-	528,997	717,735	747,240	
Technical Assistance Contracts	274,499	-	-	-	274,499	360,000	410,000	
EDA Planning Grant	66,208	-	-	-	66,208	90,000	95,000	
Transportation Planning	89,059	-	-	-	89,059	125,000	125,000	
Total Planning and Technical Assistance Revenue	429,766	-	-	-	429,766	575,000	630,000	
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Interest on Loans	-	120,710	-	-	120,710	160,000	375,000	
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Interest on Deposits	-	184,520	-	-	184,520	245,000	200,000	Higher Rates
EDA - COVID19 RLF - Interest on Loans	-	-	168,224	-	168,224	220,000	300,000	
EDA - COVID19 RLF - Interest on Deposits	-	-	82,092	-	82,092	110,000	90,000	Higher Rates
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund - Interest on Loans	-	-	-	11,887	11,887	16,000	40,000	
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund - Interest on Deposits	-	-	-	17,746	17,746	25,000	15,000	Higher Rates
Other Loan Funds	7,259	-	-	-	7,259	10,000	12,000	
Intermediary Relending Program	13,713	-	-	-	13,713	20,000	20,000	
Regional Development Corporation	61,355	-	-	-	61,355	85,000	100,000	
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	89,123	-	-	-	89,123	118,000	118,000	
EPA Brownfields Assessment Contract	15,520	-	-	-	15,520	20,000	20,000	
Total Lending and Brownfields Revenue	186,970	305,230	250,316	29,633	772,149	1,029,000	1,290,000	Includes interest on deposits
Workforce - WIOA	334,961	-	-	-	334,961	450,000	450,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,822,989	\$ 305,230	\$ 250,316	\$ 29,633	\$ 2,408,168	\$ 3,239,372	\$ 3,569,877	

**CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	Operating Fund 3/31/2024 COG	Restricted Legacy 3/31/2024 RLF	Restricted COVID 3/31/2024 SCBLF	Restricted 3/31/2024 SCALF	Consolidated (75% of original) 3/31/2024	Revised FY2024	Consolidated Proposed FY2025	Notes
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Personnel	\$ 1,456,352	\$ 181,862	\$ 149,260	\$ 10,350	\$ 1,797,824	\$ 2,475,000	\$ 2,700,000	
Rent	26,500	-	-	-	26,500	35,500	36,000	
Utilities	11,152	-	-	-	11,152	20,000	20,000	
Telephone	17,775	450	270	-	18,495	25,000	25,000	
Travel and Meetings	41,011	4,989	1,184	-	47,184	65,000	75,000	
Office Supplies	35,868	122	155	-	36,145	50,000	45,000	
Postage	1,687	-	-	-	1,687	3,000	3,000	
Memberships, Dues, Publications	10,475	2,268	2,267	726	15,736	18,000	18,000	
Maintenance & Service Contracts	14,651	-	-	-	14,651	20,000	20,000	
Employee/Board Member Training	14,551	3,050	3,050	-	20,651	25,000	20,000	
Capital Costs	30,236	-	-	-	30,236	30,236	30,000	
Professional Services	46,024	1,847	-	16	47,887	70,000	130,000	
Audit	22,030	-	-	-	22,030	25,000	25,000	
Information Technology Services	43,984	-	-	-	43,984	60,000	60,000	
Insurance and Bonding	18,319	578	-	-	18,897	25,000	25,000	
Miscellaneous	6,563	80	92	3,678	10,413	9,636	5,250	
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,797,178	195,246	156,278	14,770	2,163,472	2,956,372	3,237,250	
EXCESS REVENUE (LOSS) BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	\$ 25,811	\$ 109,984	\$ 94,038	\$ 14,863	\$ 244,696	\$ 283,000	\$ 332,627	
WIOA Pass-Thru Revenues	1,571,612	-	-	-	1,571,612	2,400,000	2,400,000	
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	51,984	-	-	-	51,984	300,000	700,000	
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	164,571	-	-	-	164,571	250,000	238,000	
Total Pass-Thru Revenues	\$ 1,788,167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,788,167	\$ 2,950,000	\$ 3,338,000	
WIOA Pass-Thru Expenditures	(1,571,612)	-	-	-	(1,571,612)	(2,400,000)	(2,400,000)	
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	(51,984)	-	-	-	(51,984)	(300,000)	(700,000)	
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	(164,571)	-	-	-	(164,571)	(250,000)	(238,000)	
Uninsured Replacement Cost-Storm Damage	-	-	-	-	-	(40,000)	(10,000)	Hail Storm
COVID RLF Grant	-	-	791,420	-	791,420	947,420	752,915	
Transfer to RDC - Capital Improvement	-	(30,438)	-	-	(30,438)	(60,876)	(100,000)	Capital improvements
Total Pass-Thru and Other Expenditures	(1,788,167)	(30,438)	791,420	-	(1,027,185)	(2,103,456)	(2,695,085)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 25,811	\$ 109,984	\$ 885,458	\$ 14,863	\$ 1,036,116	\$ 1,129,544	\$ 975,542	
					Unrestricted Change in Fund Balance	\$ 25,811	\$ -	8,477
					Restricted Change in Fund Balance	\$ 1,010,305	\$ 1,129,544	\$ 967,065
						\$1,036,116	\$1,129,544	\$975,542

CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATEMENTS OF FUND BALANCES
DRAFT/UNAUDITED
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

	<u>CRCOG</u>	<u>RLF</u>	<u>SCBLF</u>	<u>SCALF</u>	<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>
Current Assets					
Cash - Checking	\$ 361,582	\$ 251,137	\$ 494,579	\$ 48,697	\$ 1,155,995
Cash - Savings	1,375,243	3,711,765	2,178,408	623,528	7,888,944
Prepaid Expenses	18,663	-	-	-	18,663
Receivables	818,895	-	-	-	818,895
Receivables - WIOA	53,911	-	-	-	53,911
	<u>2,628,294</u>	<u>3,962,902</u>	<u>2,672,987</u>	<u>672,225</u>	<u>9,936,408</u>
Non-Current Assets					
Restricted Loans Receivable	-	3,582,515	7,783,232	305,374	11,671,121
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,628,294</u>	<u>\$ 7,545,417</u>	<u>\$ 10,456,219</u>	<u>\$ 977,599</u>	<u>\$ 21,607,529</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable/PR W/H	\$ 306,457	\$ 25,024	\$ 28,269	\$ 1,334	\$ 361,084
Deferred Revenue	960,045	-	-	-	960,045
Accrued Annual Leave	74,510	-	-	-	74,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 1,341,012</u>	<u>\$ 25,024</u>	<u>\$ 28,269</u>	<u>\$ 1,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,395,639</u>

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE

Restricted fund balance	39,181	7,406,346	9,299,323	946,885	17,691,735
Unrestricted fund balance	1,201,135	-	-	-	1,201,135
Total fund balance	<u>1,240,316</u>	<u>7,406,346</u>	<u>9,299,323</u>	<u>946,885</u>	<u>18,892,870</u>
Current revenues in excess of expend.	46,966	114,047	1,128,627	29,380	1,319,020
Total Fund Balance	1,287,282	7,520,393	10,427,950	976,265	20,211,890
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 2,628,294</u>	<u>\$ 7,545,417</u>	<u>\$ 10,456,219</u>	<u>\$ 977,599</u>	<u>\$ 21,607,529</u>

CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
DRAFT/UNAUDITED
6/30/2024

	<u>COG</u>	<u>RLF</u>	<u>SCBLF</u>	<u>SCALF</u>	<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>
REVENUE					
Participating Local Governments	\$ 223,293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,293
State Aid to Councils of Governments	144,345	-	-	-	144,345
Interest and Other Income	95,068	234,064	115,641	26,596	471,369
Workforce - WIA/WIOA	439,450	-	-	-	439,450
Community Development-CDBG/HUD/RIA	421,696	-	-	-	421,696
ARC Planning and Match	105,023	-	-	-	105,023
SC Infrastructure Investment Program	151,780	-	-	-	151,780
Technical Assistance Contracts	445,801	-	-	-	445,801
Transportation Planning	111,283	-	-	-	111,283
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund	-	-	-	16,985	16,985
Other Loan Funds	12,169	-	-	-	12,169
Intermediary Relending Program	22,245	-	-	-	22,245
Regional Development Corporation	87,828	-	-	-	87,828
EDA Planning Grant	90,038	-	-	-	90,038
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	113,099	-	-	-	113,099
Neighborhood Initiative Program	11,035	-	-	-	11,035
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)	-	178,701	-	-	178,701
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - COVID19	-	-	236,256	-	236,256
TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE PASS-THRU	\$ 2,474,153	\$ 412,765	\$ 351,897	\$ 43,581	\$ 3,282,396
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel	\$ 1,949,195	\$ 238,701	\$ 211,909	\$ 13,167	\$ 2,412,972
Rent & Maintenance	35,500	-	-	-	35,500
Utilities	13,713	-	-	-	13,713
Telephone	24,030	810	270	-	25,110
Travel and Meetings	64,478	5,263	1,362	-	71,103
Office Supplies	30,806	9,257	155	-	40,218
Postage	4,621	-	-	-	4,621
Memberships, Dues, Publications	13,708	4,252	4,251	968	23,179
Maintenance & Service Contracts	19,479	-	-	-	19,479
Employee/Board Member Training	10,745	6,885	6,885	-	24,515
Capital Costs	30,236	30,000	-	-	60,236
Professional Services	64,031	2,324	1,023	16	67,394
Audit	22,030	-	-	-	22,030
Information Technology Services	51,349	-	-	-	51,349
Insurance and Bonding	22,653	771	-	-	23,424
Miscellaneous	9,736	455	55	50	10,296
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,366,310	298,718	225,910	14,201	2,905,139
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	\$ 107,843	\$ 114,047	\$ 125,987	\$ 29,380	\$ 377,257
WIOA Pass-Thru Revenues	2,133,346	-	-	-	2,133,346
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	312,797	-	-	-	312,797
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	100,597	-	-	-	100,597
WIOA Pass-Thru Expenditures	(2,133,346)	-	-	-	(2,133,346)
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	(312,797)	-	-	-	(312,797)
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	(100,597)	-	-	-	(100,597)
Loan Match/EDA Grant	-	-	1,002,640	-	1,002,640
Transfer to RDC	(60,877)	-	-	-	(60,877)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 46,966	\$ 114,047	\$ 1,128,627	\$ 29,380	\$ 1,319,020

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	FY2025 Budget	Actual	%
REVENUES			
Membership Support	\$ 223,293	\$ 48,586	22
State Grant	144,344	36,086	25
Misc./Interest Income	85,000	12,916	15
	<u>452,637</u>	<u>97,588</u>	<u>22</u>
HUD Comm. Dev. Contracts	375,000	47,520	13
SC Infrastructure Investment Program	225,000	30,548	14
Rural Infrastructure Authority	50,000	9,442	19
ARC Planning Grant and Project Administration	80,000	18,467	23
Union County ARC Planning Grant Match	12,240	-	0
Neighborhood Initiative Program	5,000	1,446	29
	<u>747,240</u>	<u>107,423</u>	<u>14</u>
Technical Asst. Contracts	410,000	86,894	21
Economic Development Admin	95,000	12,573	13
Transportation Planning	125,000	15,429	12
	<u>630,000</u>	<u>114,896</u>	<u>18</u>
Revolving Loan Fund	575,000	36,601	6
Revolving Loan Fund - COVID19	390,000	43,698	11
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund	55,000	2,756	5
Regional Development Corp.	100,000	17,256	17
Intermediary Relending Program	20,000	3,127	16
Other Loan Funds	12,000	1,723	14
EPA Brownfields Assessment Contract	20,000	3,895	19
Brownfields RLF	118,000	25,858	22
	<u>1,290,000</u>	<u>134,914</u>	<u>10</u>
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Planning	450,000	74,655	17
	<u>450,000</u>	<u>74,655</u>	<u>17</u>
Total Operating Revenue:	\$ <u>3,569,877</u>	\$ <u>529,476</u>	<u>15</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 399,802	15
Rent	36,000	9,000	25
Building Expenses	20,000	2,994	15
Telephone	25,000	3,032	12
Travel and Meetings	75,000	9,502	13
Office Supplies/Small Equipment	45,000	1,962	4
Postage	3,000	59	2
Memberships, Dues, Publs.	18,000	6,539	36
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	20,000	2,870	14
Employee/Bd. Member Training	20,000	5,600	28
Capital Costs/Grants	30,000	25,477	85
Professional Services	130,000	1,321	1
Audit	25,000	1,950	8
Information Technology Services	60,000	9,930	17
Insurance and Bonding	25,000	3,506	14
Miscellaneous	5,250	30	1
Total Operating Expenditures:	\$ <u>3,237,250</u>	\$ <u>483,574</u>	<u>15</u>
NET REVENUES LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>332,627</u>	\$ <u>45,902</u>	

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PASS THROUGH REVENUES

Workforce Investment Act Pass Through	\$	2,400,000	\$	405,591
SCDHEC Brownfields Assessment Grant		700,000		48,669
EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant		238,000		-

PASS THROUGH EXPENDITURES

Workforce Investment Act Pass Through	\$	2,400,000	\$	405,591
SCDHEC Brownfields Assessment Grant		700,000		48,669
EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant		238,000		-

OTHER REVENUES/EXPENDITURES

Uninsured Replacement Cost-Storm Damage		(10,000)		-
Transfer to RDC - Capital Improvement		(100,000)		-
RLF Loan Fund -COVID19 Grant Draws	\$	<u>752,915</u>	\$	<u>275,000</u>

NET REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES

\$	<u>975,542</u>	\$	<u>320,902</u>
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this “MOU”) is entered into as of this 19th day of ~~August~~ September, 2024 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Catawba Regional Council of Governments (“COG”) and the City of Rock Hill (“Rock Hill”) for the uses and purposes mentioned below.

BACKGROUND STATEMENT

- A. The Catawba Regional Council of Governments serves as an association of South Carolina local governments in Chester, Lancaster, Union, and York counties. The COG serves as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation related to grantsmanship, land use and transportation planning, community and economic development, workforce investment, mapping, and project management.
- B. The COG’s Economic Development District has a focus on the promotion of diverse job creation, assisting local governments in their recruitment efforts, and assisting state/local governments with air and water quality preservation.
- C. The City of Rock Hill is a South Carolina municipality experiencing booming growth, resulting in an opportunity to transform its industry base to meet the burgeoning economies as a result of onshoring, net migration and ongoing investments in its utilities and infrastructure.
- D. The City of Rock Hill’s Strategic Plan is grounded in three core pillars – Serving our Community, Engaging Residents, and Growing Rock Hill which includes an intentional and deliberate strategy to promote high quality economic development opportunities and partnerships including an emphasis on life sciences, biopharmaceuticals, and research and development.
- E. A key resource in the City’s strategy includes the development of a 235 acre parcel of real property located on I-77 at the new Palmetto Parkway interchange, which is soon to receive SC Commerce’s Palmetto Site Certification, with a public/private partnership focused on the City’s target industries.
- F. Both the COG and the City of Rock Hill have the shared goals of collaborating for the purposes of identifying high value employers, quality opportunities for students, and future facing industries.
- G. So as to ensure the existence and sustainability of this effort the COG and Rock Hill have agreed to make the commitment(s) provided for below.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual terms and promises herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are acknowledged, the parties agree and covenant as follows:

1.0 Incorporation of Background Statement. The above preamble and Background Statement are incorporated herein by this reference.

2.0 Supporter Pledge of Commitment. The COG hereby agrees to engage its staff ~~and~~ and board of directors, ~~and committee members~~ to any support efforts to seek or encourage investment by private third parties and the state of South Carolina ~~within the state- where such support is not in conflict or dispute with another locality in the Catawba Region. so as to fulfill its mission in collaboration with the City of Rock Hill.~~

Further, Rock Hill hereby agrees to actively engage its management team and elected officials to any efforts to seek or encourage investment by private third parties and the state of South Carolina so as to fulfill the core strategic pillars in Growing Rock Hill in collaboration with the Catawba Regional Council of Governments.

3.0 Non-Binding. No provisions of this MOU are to be binding obligations on either party. The intent of this MOU is to ~~set forth the~~ memorialize the intent of each party to work together as set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, this MOU is executed as of the date first appearing above.

Catawba Regional Council of Governments:

BY: _____
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ITS _____

City of Rock Hill:

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August 20, 2024

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Re: Charlotte Water/City of Charlotte – Proposed Increase in Interbasin Transfer Certificate

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, the Central Midlands Regional Council of Governments, and the Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments, we are writing to express our concerns with, and opposition to, Charlotte Water's proposed increase in an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Certificate from 33 million gallons per day to 63 million gallons per day.

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Together, our South Carolina regions comprise twelve counties and a cumulative population of almost 1,500,000. Much of the population in our regions is reliant upon water from the Catawba-Wateree Basin, and many areas throughout our respective regions are experiencing rapid population and significant commercial and industrial growth.

The Catawba River and its tributaries are not an unlimited supply of water as evidenced by previous years of drought conditions in the Catawba-Wateree Basin in both North Carolina and South Carolina. The regions reliant upon water from the Catawba-Wateree Basin, both to the north and south of Charlotte/Mecklenburg (and including the Western Piedmont Region in North Carolina), are considered growth areas with likely additional water needs in the future. Interbasin transfers of the magnitude proposed by Charlotte Water will effectively subsidize growth in the benefitting area while depleting the limited and collective water resources of the entire Catawba-Wateree Basin.

Additionally, issues of sustainability and water quality are in question. Reducing the flow of the Catawba River by transferring water could lead to greater concentrations of pollutants in the basin which could negatively impact the river's natural ability to dilute and transport environmental hazards. This could have long-lasting and detrimental effects on aquatic ecosystems, recreational activities, and public health within the Catawba-Wateree River Basin.

In South Carolina, our Councils of Governments support the efforts of the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG) as it actively works to update the water supply master plan for the entire river basin. It also is worth noting that to date Charlotte Water has been a member of the CWWMG. With the CWWMG work underway, it would be prudent for Charlotte Water to wait until the water supply master plan process is complete before proceeding further with any request to increase an existing IBT Certificate.

Furthermore, it is notable that previous studies for the Catawba River called for the elimination of interbasin transfers as a strategy to protect the river and water supplies during drought conditions. While this goal may be difficult to fully achieve in the short to mid-term, alternative and sustainable solutions should be on the table as all stakeholders consider use of water from a finite resource. Charlotte Water's request to almost double the amount allowed in its current IBT Certificate should only be considered, if at all, as an emergency and very temporary measure and only after Charlotte Water has taken steps to mitigate excessive unintentional water losses throughout its existing system. We also believe that further studies and new data were previously contemplated and agreed upon for this type of Certificate expansion request.

The 2015 Water Supply Master Plan for the Catawba-Wateree Basin projected Charlotte's current IBT would be sufficient through 2065. If Charlotte's growth should necessitate additional demand for water, Charlotte Water should explore alternative ways to conserve and preserve current supply, while enhancing existing water infrastructure and policies to preserve the water resources already available to the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. This work could ultimately reduce future water demand even as Charlotte grows.

Water availability is crucial for sustaining economic development, agriculture, and quality of life in growing communities. If water is diverted elsewhere, it may constrain the ability of communities within the Catawba-Wateree Basin to support their own future development, population growth, and quality of

life. The regions adjacent to and downstream from Charlotte should not be forced to give up potential growth opportunities to subsidize Charlotte's growth with collective water resources. Although our regions are not in North Carolina, we are cognizant of the 2010 Settlement Agreement between North Carolina and South Carolina regarding Interbasin Transfers, particularly sub-paragraphs (a) through (e) and especially sub-paragraph (d).

With this in mind, at this time, and without further study and information, we respectfully oppose Charlotte Water's current request to expand its Interbasin Transfer Certificate to transfer 63 million gallons of water per day. Our Councils would be pleased to discuss this issue and our joint concerns with any of you. Together with the CWWMG, we look forward to working as stakeholders to find better collective solutions which may benefit all who use water throughout the Catawba-Wateree Basin.

With appreciation for your consideration of our regions' collective concerns about this issue,



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