

General Membership Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Thursday, June 13, 2019

Second Floor Conference Room

233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

Minutes

General Board Membership in Attendance:

Elizabeth Sweeney
John Nash
Barbara Jones

Carolyn Kenyon
Vinnie Himbry
Johnnie Kinsey

Executive Committee in Attendance:

Jay Bender
Roland Best
Chris Roberson
Robert Cavanaugh
Jesse Dowe

Bennie Heath
Joe Scott
Edward Riggs, Jr.
Arthur Robinson
Shane Turney

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Katie Bordeaux
Chad Davis
Patrick Flanagan
Eric Howell

Jenny Miller
Leighann Morgan
David Rosado

Guest in Attendance:

Amy Suggs, NC Commerce
Rhonda Murray, MCAS Cherry Point
Greg Singleton, Craven Pamlico Re-entry Council

1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order

Shane Turney called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roland Best gave the invocation. Introductions around the table were made.

2. Adopt Agenda - Shane Turney, President

Shane Turney suggested to add agenda 12 a. Closed Session – Personnel Issues

Bob Cavanaugh motioned to adopt amended agenda, seconded by Roland Best, and motion was unanimously approved.



3. Public Hearing – ECC FY 19/20 – Edward Riggs, Treasurer

Bob Cavanaugh motioned to open public hearing and seconded by Joe Scott Public Hearing was open for public comments.

No public comments

Bob Cavanaugh motioned to close public hearing and seconded Jay Bender Public hearing closed for public comments.

4. Consent Agenda - Shane Turney, President

- a. Executive Committee Board Minutes—January 10, 2019
- b. Financial Statement

Bennie Heath motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bennie Heath, and motion was unanimously approved.

5. Budget & Audit Committee Report - Edward Riggs, Treasurer

Edward Riggs Jr stated the Budget & Audit Committee met at 5:00 p.m. before the General Membership Committee Meeting. The committee reviewed the check register, financial statements, received an update about the audit, and had a discussion on improving the membership dues structure. The committee also recommends to move the September meeting to August.

6. Approval of ECC FY 19/20 Budget – Jenny Miller, Finance Director

Jenny Miller gave a presentation of the FY 19/20 Budget and asked for approval.

Bob Cavanaugh motioned to approve ECC FY 19/20 Budget, seconded by Bennie Heath, and motion was unanimously approved.

7. Elections - Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers – Shane Turney, President

Shane Turney stated it was a privilege and honor to serve as ECC President, it has been an eye opener with all the adversity the COG has overcome with the Hurricane, New Executive Director and policy changes. He stated the staff has done well with keeping everything together during this time.

Bob Cavanaugh, nominating committee chair, thanked Shane for his hard work and hopes to get the momentum going under new leadership. Bob stated the committee recommends Jay Bender, President, Bill Taylor, Vice President, Edward Riggs, 1st Vice President and Shane Turney, Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor.

Chris Roberson motioned to elect the recommended slate of officers, seconded by Bennie Heath, and motion was unanimously approved.

8. Installation of Officers – *Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director*

The following officers were sworn in by Executive Director Katie Bordeaux: Jay Bender as President; Bill Taylor as Vice President; Edward Riggs, Jr as 1st Vice President; and Shane Turney as President. Katie thanked the officers for their support.

9. Craven Pamlico Re-Entry Council – *Greg Singleton, Craven Pamlico Re-entry Council Director*

Greg Singleton gave a presentation on how the Craven Pamlico Re-Entry Program started and how it is leading the way for other Re-Entry Councils across the state

10. AmeriCorps VISTA Presentation - *Chad Davis, Planning Director*

Chad Davis gave a presentation on the application process and the need the planning department has for extra help. The VISTA's will help with GIS mapping, grants, the C.E.D.S needs assessment and Disaster Recovery. The Executive Committee will be the advisory committee.

11. NC Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development – *Amy Suggs, Community Economic Development Planner Southeast Prosperity Zone*

Amy Suggs gave a presentation on the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center on how they are working together to designate NC Main Street communities. They do rural planning and technical assistance with communities to help revitalize downtown areas.

12. Blueprint for the Future – *Chad Davis, Planning Director & Patrick Flanagan, Community Planner*

Patrick Flanagan gave an update from the visioning session from last year. He has compiled a list of what the towns and counties that participated in the session their needs and wants. Stating the next step is what should and can the COG do for the region.

13. Executive Director Report – *Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director*

Katie Bordeaux presented her director's report stating the Budget & Audit has worked diligently to increase the fund balance and she will follow in their foot steps in an effort to control costs and manage expenditures to the best use of resources for the region. Katie would like to increase communication to the region by starting a newsletter, consolidating social media pages and conduct more Lunch & Learn for Managers and Planning Directors. Katie gave an legislative update what the NCARCOG lobbyist is

advocating for. Katie also gave an update on the Recovery & Resiliency efforts and the CEDS and other projects being worked on the COG and in the communities.

14. Member Comments

Patrick Flanagan stated that Bike & Pedestrian Grants are still available with municipalities only having a 20% match.

Chad Davis stated the needs assessment cut off is next Friday and if you have not completed one, please contact Sam Burdick.

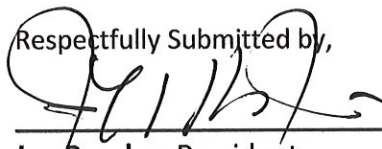
Shane Turney stated "What have you asked the COG to do?"

15. Closed Session – Personnel Issues

Motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel matter per NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)—Members of Executive Committee only made by Edward Riggs, seconded by Bill Taylor. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by,



Jay Bender, President



Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director