



General Membership Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Thursday, February 10, 2022

Third Floor Conference Room

233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

Minutes

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Bill Taylor, Morehead City Commissioner

Jim Kohr, City of Havelock Commissioner

Pat Prescott, Pamlico County
Commissioner

Shane Turney, Treasurer

Ed Riggs, 1st Vice President

Jay Bender, President

Arthur Robinson, 2nd Vice President

Roland Best, Lenoir County
Commissioner

Steve Wiggins, Town of Mount Olive
Commissioner

Bennie Heath, Greene County
Commissioner

Jesse Dowe, Duplin County
Commissioner

General Membership in Attendance via Zoom:

John Nash, Town of Cedar Point Commissioner

Patty Leonard,

Diane Brown, Town of Greenevers

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance Director

Heather O'Connor, AAA Director

Angelia Pridgen, Lead Regional Ombudsman

Kim Baker, Lead Aging Programs Consultant

1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order

Jay Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum was met. Jim Kohr gave the invocation.

2. Adopt Agenda - Jay Bender, President

Bennie Heath motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Steve Wiggins, motion was carried unanimously.



3. Consent Agenda – Jay Bender, President

a. Minutes – General Membership Board Meeting – January 13, 2022

Pat Prescott motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bill Taylor, motion was carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director’s Report – Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director

a. Finance Director Update – Tim Ware stated that he reached out to Jenny to work part-time with the financials and that did not work out. He contacted the auditors for suggestions. They recommended Greg Isley, CPA firm. The firm can come access ECC next week and charge \$100/hr. Decision to negotiate with Jenny Miller to contract her services cap to \$75/hr to meet the auditors needs.

b. EDA Grant Proposal – deferred to after #5

5. Future of ECC – Ed Riggs, 1st Vice President

Ed Riggs gave a handout with the recommendations from the ECC Study Group and stated the discussions of the future of ECC is to move forward and no negativity towards staff.

4b. EDA Grant Proposal – Tim Ware stated he has asked EDA for a \$400K grant to help with the restructure of ECC. There will be a 25% match and will start June 1st.

Ed Riggs recapped the discussions.

1. Advertise for the Executive Director position
2. Continue the search for the Finance Director position
3. Interim Executive Director has authority to accept EDA grant
4. Find a county managers caucus to be appointed to the Executive Committee
5. There will be by-law changes to address meeting schedule and board make up.
6. Explore option of hiring consultant to reorganize the ECC
7. Sending out resolution of support to member governments

6. Closed Session – NC G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6)

Bennie Heath motioned to go into closed session per NC G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6), seconded by Jesse Dowe, motion was carried unanimously.

7. Member Comments

Bennie Heath stated that Greene County is need of a Finance Director too, they have looked into Isley, he is great, but is very behind.



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8. Adjournment

Roland Best motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Wiggins.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Bender, President

Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director