

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
4 April 2014 Board Meeting
La Plata County Court House

Board in Attendance:

Michael Whiting – Archuleta County
Bentley Henderson – Archuleta County
Ernie Williams – Dolores County
Bobby Lieb – La Plata County
Joe Kerby – La Plata County
William Tookey – San Juan County
Dick White – City of Durango
Chris La May – Town of Bayfield
Lana Hancock – Town of Dolores
Alison deKay – Town of Ignacio
Lee San Miguel – Town of Ignacio
Andrea Philips – Town of Mancos
David Mitchem – Town of Pagosa Springs

Staff in Attendance:

Miriam Gillow-Wiles – Executive Director
Antony Casale – Housing Coordinator
Dr. Rick Smith – Telecom Regional Manager

Guests in Attendance:

Ken Charles – DOLA
Elyse Ackerman – DOLA
Gloria Kaasch-Buerger – City of Durango
Laura Lewis Marchino – Region 9

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm

Motion to add SCAN Budget Allocation and Region 9 Contract the Decision section of the Agenda: Dick White. Second: Ernie Williams. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. Strategic Plan

The Board discussed the draft Strategic Plan with Facilitator Elyse Ackerman. Staff will make updates and changes and bring the second draft back to the Board in May.

III. Consent Agenda: Minutes & Financials

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda: Dick White, Second: Willy Tookey. Bobby Lieb had questions and concerns about cash flow. Staff stated that we are waiting for reimbursement from several DOLA grants, but would keep an eye on the cash flow. ***Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

IV. Discussion Items:

SCAN:

There was discussion about financial planning documents that were in a Dropbox folder, that are now missing. This led to questions about the Dropbox folder, what exactly was in the folder, and trying to contact Paul Recanzone to see if he had access to the documents. Discussion also centered on the difference between the March 2013 SCAN policies and what was discussed at COG meetings and among members later in 2013. Staff was directed to find as much information as possible to reconcile the difference.

Telecom Legislation:

Staff updated the Board on the broadband legislation, HB1328 working through the State Capitol.

SWConnect Update:

Staff updated the Board on finding SWConnect a new “home”. Bobby Lieb asked how much longer the COG was going to pay for webhosting fees. Staff stated that April would be the last month.

V. Decision Items:

Southwest TPR:

Miriam Gillow-Wiles updated the Board on the SWTPR vote to move under the COG in March.

Motion to approve the TPR as an ongoing project starting July 1st: Ernie Williams. Second: Bobby Lieb. Dick White then asked if this was a program or a project. Chair Michael White said it would be an annual project as it does not belong to the COG. ***Passed by unanimous voice vote.***

Region 9 Contract:

Staff asked to extend the contract with Region 9 through the month of April since the annual audit is scheduled for the last week of April

Motion approve contract between Region 9 and SWCCOG: Bobby Lieb. Second: Willy Tookey. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

SCAN Budget Allocation:

Board members had questions regarding the last of the DOLA Telecom grant, including if DOLA would let us spend the contingency fund money and how to allocate the funds. Bobby Lieb asked if it would continue in the 75/25 split for the communities who have over spent. The Board discussed what communities had gone over their budgets and how much money was available to spend. Staff stated that there was enough money left in the contingency fund to cover all the overages from the communities with the 75/25 split.

Motion to allocate unspent money to communities who exceeded their budget and any extra funds to Durango and Cortez: Andrea Phillips, Second: Bobby Lieb. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Reports

Director’s Report:

There was no questions about the Director’s Report. Staff asked about the cost of the Capital Conference, and was told that the travel budget was available to spend however she chose.

Responsible Administrator Report:

There was no discussion.

Housing Report:

Tony Casale gave a verbal update and asked board members to contact any land lords or housing managers regarding the VASH Vouchers and reluctance of land lords to rent to people who are eligible for the vouchers. Dick White said he attended the meeting with the Governor's Chief of Staff and the Department of Housing regarding housing and that it was a very good meeting. He said that funding is moving away from crisis funding to a more sustainable and supportable, like the supportive housing toolkit.

Transit Report:

Ernie Williams suggested staff speak to John Whitney regarding Veterans Transit funding.

VII. Other Items

Michael Whiting reminded the Board that there was SCAN build info for each of the communities, and asked the Board to support Rural Philanthropy Days if requested to donate.

VIII. Adjourned at 3:19pm