

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
February Board Meeting  
7 February 2014  
Durango Public Library

Board in Attendance:

Michael Whiting – Archuleta County  
Joe Kerby – La Plata County  
Dick White – City of Durango  
Chris La May – Town of Bayfield  
Andrea Philips – Town of Mancos  
Shane Hale – City of Cortez  
Lana Hancock – Town of Dolores  
David Mitchem – Town of Pagosa Springs  
William Tookey – San Juan County  
Chris Tookey – Town of Silverton

Staff in Attendance:

Miriam Gillow-Wiles – Executive Director

Guests in Attendance:

Gloria Kaasch-Buerger – City of Durango  
Ken Charles – DOLA

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:20pm

**II. Consent Agenda: Minutes & Financials**

***Motion to Approve the Agenda: Dick White, Second: Willy Tookey. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

**III. Discussion:**

Board of Directors Worker's Comp Coverage

Staff notified the Board that the SWCCOG did not have Worker's Comp coverage. The Executive Director had already applied to CIRSA for coverage, but the question of coverage for the Board had come up. Since the Board member were all covered under their entity's worker's comp they would not be covered under the CIRSA policy. Shane Hale asked if the Board would be covered for errors and omissions under the CIRSA policy.

IGA DOLA Language:

Miriam Gillow-Wiles explained the memo in the Board Packet regarding the IGA language DOLA had requested to be cleaned up. The language does not need to be changed right now, but in the future the SWCCOG should revisit the matter to comply with State local government guidelines.

**IV. Decision:**

ICMA Resolution:

Staff requested the Board adopt Resolution 2014-02 naming ICMA Retirement Corporation as the deferred compensation plan for the SWCCOG

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-02: Chris La May, Second: David Mitchem. Passed by unanimous voice vote.***

State Internet Portal Authority Contract:

Staff reported that this will allow for a permanent solution for the SWCCOG email hosting as the transition away from the current web and email host. Miriam Gillow-Wiles has reported that she and Tony have lost emails and have many bounce back as the email service they are using now is old and not compatible with many newer systems. Prices reported in the packet were taken from the SIPA website, but will be tailored to the needs of the SWCCOG.

***Motion to approve the Contract to Engage SIPA: Chris La May, Second: Dick White Passed by unanimous voice vote.***

Western Lands Institute Grant:

Staff reported on how the grant would be used to look at creating resilient economies in the light of a changing climate. The discussion centered on time and resources of the SWCCOG and the Director. Miriam Gillow-Wiles said she may have to look at a consultant to help with this grant. However money from this grant could be used for staff time, including offsetting the cost of an administrative assistant or her salary.

***Motion to Authorize the Executive Director to apply for the Western Lands and Communities Planning Grant: Andrea Philips, Second: Shane Hale. Motion Passed with all in favor except Chris La May voted no.***

Approval of Amendment of DOLA Sustainability Grant:

Staff outlined the changes to the DOLA grant #7030 also known as the Sustainability Grant, including moving \$11,000 to the Director's salary and benefits and adding the Supportive Housing Tool Kit to what the Housing Coordinator's description. Staff left in SWConnect in case we are liable for funds expended, but not yet invoiced. Shane Hale had a few questions regarding operating funds which Ken Charles answered, these included if the SWCCOG was still eligible for DOLA grants [from former discussion regarding IGA language], and if the SWCCOG was eligible for a Best and Brightest Intern. Ken Charles stated the COG was eligible for grants but not for the Best and Brightest Intern, but we could request in the fall.

***Motion to approve amendment of the DOLA Grant: Shane Hale, Second: William Tookey. Passed by unanimous voice vote.***

**V. Reports**

Director's Report:

Staff stated that all invoices for the SCAN network must be to DOLA by April 30<sup>th</sup>. All invoices must be dated before March 31, 2014. Any extra moneys would go to cover the communities that have gone over budget.

There were no other questions about the reports in the Board Packet.

**VI. Adjourned at 4:00pm**