

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Board Meeting Minutes
The Center for Regional Planning and Design
November 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Valerie Abbott, City of Birmingham
Mr. Devon Laney, City of Birmingham
Honorable Theoangelo Perkins, Town of Harpersville
Honorable Delor Baumann, City of Hueytown
Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Jefferson County
Mr. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County
Mr. Timothy Westhoven, City of Hoover

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATE

Ms. Eunice Rogers, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Honorable Valerie Abbott
Mr. Ray Hamilton, Shelby County
 Represented by Mr. Tom Barnett, City of Birmingham
Honorable Larry Langford, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Honorable Robbie Hayes, Shelby County
 Represented by Mr. Reginald Holloway

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable David Standridge, Blount County
Mr. Chester Jolly, City of Warrior
Mr. Waymon Pitts, Town of Cleveland
Honorable Bruce Hamrick, Walker County Commission
Honorable Stan Batemon, St. Clair County
Honorable Billy Joe Driver, City of Clanton
Honorable Joe Headley, Chilton County Commission
Honorable Bobby Humphryes, Jefferson County
Honorable Jim Carns, Jefferson County
Honorable Eddie Reed, City of Jemison

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ray Morris, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brian O'Dell, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Honorable Valerie Abbott called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared by the Chairman. The following business was conducted.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2008 Board meeting stood as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Holloway, Finance Committee Chair, could not attend due to a conflict and Mr. Barnett, Chaired the Committee in his stead. Mr. Barnett reported that the finances are in the best shape ever and represents well management by the RPC staff.

Mr. Mr. O'Dell presented the financial information for the period ending September 30, 2008.

Statement of Net Assets

1. The current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) for the period is 3.73 compared to September 2007 which was 2.77.
2. The quick ratio (current assets-unbilled receivables/current liabilities) is 3.73 compared to September 2007 which was 2.77.

Report indicates that more cash is available September 2008 (\$462,440) compared to September 2007 (\$353,437). Total Current Assets are \$951,099 (C), Unbilled receivables are \$.00 (D), Total Current Liabilities are \$254,719 (E). Long term liabilities due July 2016 are being reduced each month.

The end of year report is much better than anticipated. Cash is up and receivables are down indicating good, solid financial practices.

Budget Summary

1. Actual Year-To-Date total expenditures are under budget by \$4,315,474 (J).
2. Salary, fringe and indirect is under budget in total by \$1,154,402 (K).
3. Direct costs are under budget by \$285,776 (L).
4. The contracts are under budget \$2,875,295 (M).

These numbers are under budget significantly. The numbers look good.

Dues

Dues for 2009 collected to date are \$199,203.50 (45 members paid) as compared to \$254,850 (58 members paid) for same period last year

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The Cash Available is \$264,937 and Receivables from Loans is \$916,117. The numbers are consistent with very little change since the last report. Krupp Oil is currently in default. The business has been sold to McPherson Oil Company. The trial is set for June 2009 but an agreement is anticipated to be reached before that time. The funding (\$200,000) from the Appalachian Regional Commission has not been dispersed due to a

hold up on their audit. Funding from the State is also on hold due to the state not wanting to float a bond issue at this time.

PROGRAM / BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Foisy presented the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, 2008 Update for consideration.

A Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, developed under contract with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), was endorsed by the RPC Board in May 2007. The Plan was developed in response to SAFETEA-LU planning regulations by the Federal Transit Administration in which projects under Section 5310 (elderly and disabled), Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) be selected competitively from a coordinated plan.

A 2008 Update has been produced by the RPC under contract with the ALDOT in order to confirm the validity of the following five goals:

1. Improve coordination.
2. Improve efficiency.
3. Improve quality of transportation services.
4. Increase the awareness of available services.
5. Expand the capacity of human service and rural transportation services.

A summary write-up for Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker Counties is included as an enclosure. The 2008 Update simplifies the information by county into existing transportation services, unmet needs, and solutions/strategies.

Recommendation: That the RPC Board of Directors adopt the 2008 Update for the Human Service Transportation Plan for Central Alabama for Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker Counties. The Jefferson and Shelby County portions of the Plan will be incorporated into the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Westhoven moved and Mr. Laney seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

Mr. Ball reported on the following activities:

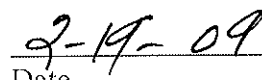
- CommuteSmart is hosting a Lunch and Learn for the Board of Directors following this meeting.

- A meeting is conducted monthly with the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority. Meetings were held to update Mr. Chris Lewis, BJCTA Chairman of the Board and Mr. William Copling, BJCTA Interim Executive Director on the activities of RPC.
- Applications are coming in for the Community Planning Assistance Grant. Received to date are the City of Bessemer, City of Helena, City of Chelsea and St. Clair County. Each participant shares in the cost on a 50/50 ratio. This allows smaller communities to participate.
- Applications for the Building Communities Grants have been received. Fountain Heights Neighborhood will have applied for a transportation study due to the impact from the 16th Street Exit on I-59/20.
- The Annual Conference is scheduled for January 28, 2009 at The Club. Workshops will begin at 9am followed by the luncheon at 11:30am. Mr. Holloway remarked that last year went very well and was well attended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Secretary



Date