

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Waymon Pitts, Blount County
Mr. Tom Barnett, City of Birmingham
Mr. Ray Hamilton, Town of Vincent
Mr. Devon Laney, City of Birmingham
Mr. Chester Jolly, City of Warrior
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover
Honorable Tom Henderson, Center Point
Honorable Theoangelo Perkins, Town of Harpersville
Mr. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATES

Honorable Valerie Abbott, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Tom Barnett
Represented by Honorable Robbie Hayes
 Represented by Mr. Reginald Holloway
Honorable Delor Baumann, City of Hueytown
 Represented by Mr. Jim Byram
Ms. Eunice Rogers, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Ms. Joselyn Harper
Honorable David Standridge, Blount County Commission
 Represented by Honorable Waymon Pitts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Jefferson County
Honorable Bruce Hamrick, Walker County Commission
Honorable Stan Batemon, St. Clair County
Honorable Tim Mims, Chilton County Commission
Honorable Bobby Humphryes, Jefferson County
Honorable Jim Carns, Jefferson County
Honorable Carole Smitherman, City of Birmingham
Honorable Wayne Gross, Town of Parrish
Honorable Eddie Reed, City of Jemison
Mayor William Hereford, City of Pell City

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brian O'Dell, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Honorable Waymon Pitts called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was declared by the Vice-Chairman. The following business was conducted.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 21, 2009 stand as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Barnett, Finance Committee Chair turned the reporting over to Mr. O'Dell who then presented the financial information for the period ending September 30, 2009.

Statement of Net Assets

1. The current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) for the period is 1.84 compared to September 2008 which was 3.73.
2. The quick ratio (current assets-unbilled receivables/current liabilities) is 0.86 compared to September 2008 which was 3.73.

Compared to last year's ratios, cash flow is much tighter but that is expected due to moving the Air Quality and RideShare inhouse and represents the process that takes place at the end of the fiscal year. It is a timing issue. Payables are held open longer in order to ensure that all payables are accounted for prior to preparation of final billings for reimbursement. Another factor contributing to the lower ratios is ALDOT's request this year for the RideShare program to be closed out by September 30, 2009. They are moving the Rideshare program to a fiscal year. This has also created a cash flow issue and the line of credit is at \$200,000. The deficit and long term debt continue to be reduced.

Cash and cash equivalents are \$233,426. Total Current Assets are \$1,196,910 (C), Unbilled Receivables are \$637,438 (D), Total Current Liabilities are \$651,892 (E). Accounts Receivable are \$326,047. Accounts Payables are \$465,296 (G). Deferred Revenues are \$115,121.

Budget Summary

Total Expenditures are under budget by \$750,538 (J), Salaries, Fringe and Indirect are under budget \$96,182 (K), Direct Costs are under budget \$568,703 (L) and Contracts are under budget \$85,653 (M). The FHWA PL expenditures are slightly over budget and has not utilized all the funding available. The variance for the Senior Services programs is more in line due to a full 12 months budget being applied.

Dues

The Board reviewed the first Dues Status report for FY2010. A comparison chart was distributed indicating dues as of October 31, 2009. 45 member governments had paid (\$178,750) compared to 50 member governments paying (\$214,290) for the same period last year.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The cash and cash equivalents is \$52,770. The total receivables from loan recipients are \$1,369,131. The net assets held in trust are \$1,421,901. Krupp Oil and ThermaSteel are in default. A judgement has been issued against Krupp Oil. A notice of default was sent to ThermaSteel. These financials are separate from the RPC and have no impact on the RPC financials.

PROGRAM BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Hamilton presented the following information for consideration.

Budget Modification

This modification involves programming additional funding which the RPCGB is set to receive from the State of Alabama and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

The FY 2010 budget included 200,000 in funding from these two entities however, under new agreements our funding has been increased by \$77,848. State Technical Assistance (TA) funding comprises the bulk of this total with funding \$64,656 after proration. Additional ARC funding makes up the remaining \$13,192.

The proposed modification would increase the State TA/ARC funding from \$200,000 to \$277,848. Thank you for your consideration of this measure. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Westhoven seconded to recommend this budget modification be approved by the RPC Board of Directors. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Ozone Awareness (Air Quality) Agreement

This program funds the Alabama Partners for Clean Air outreach funded through Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). The estimated federal funds are \$1,060,000 and the estimated RPCGB match is \$265,000. The match is provided by 3rd party contributions with the exception of approximately \$23,000 which is dues. The dues match is for salaries charged to this program.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Holloway seconded to recommend this agreement for approval by the RPC Board of Directors. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Birmingham Regional Land Use Plan

Mr. Hamilton stated that the Program Budget Committee postponed recommendations on this agenda item.

OTHER

Meetings for December were announced.

Ms. Edwards-Crowe announced the RPC Annual Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2010 at The Club. Training sessions will be included. The Keynote Speaker for the luncheon is Mayor Joe Riley, Charleston, SC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Secretary



Date