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**DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING**

MINUTES

September 24, 2020

(THIS IS WAS HELD AS AN ONLINE WEBINAR MEETING)

<https://www.gotomeet.me/detcog1/bod-meeting>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deep East Texas Council of Governments' regular board of directors meeting was called to order by Daryl Melton, DETCOG President and Sabine County Judge.

Members Present:

President, Daryl Melton, Sabine County Judge
President-Elect, Roy Boldon, Nacogdoches City Council
Vice President, Allison Harbison, Shelby County Judge
Immediate Past President, Bill Holder, Trinity River Authority

Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge
Edeska Barnes, Jasper County Minority Representative
Joe Warner Bell, Trinity County Attorney
Ralph Bennett, Trinity County Minority Representative
David Brandon, San Jacinto County Commissioner
Jeff Boyd, San Augustine County Judge
Bobby Cheshire, Angelina County Commissioner
Frank George, Small Cities Representative
Charles Hudson, Tyler County Commissioner
Joyce Johnson, Center City Council
Paula Jones, Mayor of Woodville
Daniel Lopez, Diboll City Council
Patricia McKenzie, Angelina County Minority Representative
Sydney Murphy, Polk County Judge
Tommy Overstreet, Polk County Commissioner
Daphne Session, Houston County Minority Representative
Greg Sowell, Nacogdoches County Judge
Lynn Torres, Lufkin City Council

CALL FOR PROXIES

Andrew Mills for Don Iles
Roy Boldon for Jay Anderson
Roy Boldon for Garth Hinze
Greg Sowell for Robin Dawley

Mark Allen for Charles Shofner, Jr
Roy Boldon for Amelia Fischer
Lynn Torres for Bob Brown
Allison Harbison for Tom Bellmyer

2. Approval of Minutes

President Melton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 online Board meeting. Joe Bell made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed.

3. Report on actions taken by Executive Committee since last Board Meeting

No action taken on this item.

4. Adoption of HUD Extended Waivers issued 7/2/2020 applicable to the Housing Program

A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to adopt the waivers through December 31, 2020 and beyond if authorized by HUD, seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion passed with no opposition.

5. Presentation of Phase I plan of the Regional Communications Infrastructure Project, and consideration of recommendations from HSAC in reference to Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure Grant No. 4114001

A motion was made by Tommy Overstreet to approve and accept the recommendations from HSAC to proceed with Phase I, the purchase of equipment, and MoU's with DPS and Tx Warn, motion seconded by Greg Sowell, motion passed with no opposition.

6. Update on Migration to NG 9-1-1 i3 Call Routing by 9-1-1 Director Van Bush.

No action taken.

7. Adoption of administrative budget and acceptance of grant budgets for fiscal year 2021.

Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director gave an overview of the budgets. The Finance Committee gave its recommendation to approve the budgets for fiscal year 2021. A motion was made by Mark Allen, seconded by Lynn Torres. Motion passed with no opposition.

8. Consider approval of revised Procurement Policy.

Lonnie Hunt explains the revision gives him the authority to grant each program director the authority to approve from \$0 to \$5,000 purchases without requiring him to sight the requisition. The Finance Committee gave a recommendation to approve the revision. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to approve, seconded by Joyce Johnson. Motion passed with no opposition.

9. Consider adoption of Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan

President Melton called for a motion to approve the plan. A motion was made by Mark Allen, seconded by Edeska Barnes. Motion passed with no opposition.

10. Consider awarding bid for sale of 2002 Ford Expedition

Executive Director Lonnie Hunt presented the one bid received by the deadline coming from Mr. Cleo Brooks in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made by Lynn Torres to accept and award the bid, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed with no opposition.

11. Consider consent of Jasper County’s request for transfer from State Planning Region 14 (Deep East Texas) to State Planning Region 15 (Southeast Texas)

Judge Mark Allen requested DETCOG’s consent to transfer out of the Deep East Texas Region 14 into the Southeast Texas Region 15. President Melton asked for a motion to consent to Jasper County’s transfer. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie, seconded by Joyce Johnson. Joe Bell abstained, and Tommy Overstreet voted in opposition. The motion passed.

12. Executive Director’s Update on DETCOG programs and activities

13. Announcements from Members of the Board

14. Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events

The DETCOG Board Meeting on October 22, 2020 will be held online and not in person.

15. (Item added to the agenda at 12:00 noon September 21, 2020) Consider award of RFQ No. 2020-05 for engineering/architectural/surveying services.

Lonnie Hunt presented ratings from the three respondents of the RFQ No. 2020-05 for work on the CDBG-MIT projects. The Evaluation Committee ranked the engineering firms as follows:

1. Magellan
2. KSA
3. Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong.

The Evaluation Committee recommendation to the Board to approve the rankings and award RFQ to two separate firms. Magellan for the Regional Broadband Project and KSA for the Regional Interoperable Radio Project.

A motion was made by Greg Sowell to approve and award RFQ in accordance with recommendation of the Evaluation Committee, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed with no opposition.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Bell, seconded by Mark Allen.

Jeff Boyd, Secretary
San Augustine County Judge