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

MINUTES

November 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
Secretary, Jeff Boyd, San Augustine 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
David Brandon, San Jacinto County Commissioner
Rodney Cheshire, Angelina County Justice of the Peace
Ianthia Fisher, Mayor of Crockett
Musetta Hosey, San Augustine County Minority Representative
Paula Jones, Mayor of Woodville
Jim Lovell, Houston County Judge
Don Lymbery, Angelina County Judge
Dr. Patricia McKenzie, Angelina County Minority Representative
Daphne Session, Houston County Minority Representative
Ronnie Thomas, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Lynn Torres, Lufkin City Council

CALL FOR PROXIES

Roy Boldon for Jay Anderson
Roy Boldon for Garth Hinze
Tommy Overstreet for Sidney Murphy

Roy Boldon for Amelia Fischer
Robert Shankle for Patricia McKenzie
Allison Harbison for Tom Bellmyer

2. Approval of Minutes

President Melton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2020 online Board meeting. Mark Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by David Brandon. Motion passed.

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

Judge Melton gave report. No action necessary.

4. Annual Review of DETCOG Investment Policy and consider revisions.

Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director noted there were only typos that needed to be corrected and no other revisions at this time. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to approve the DETCOG Investment Policy with typo corrections, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed with no opposition.

5. Consider Participation Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Participation in the TexPool Investment Pools and Designated Authorized Representatives.

Lonnie Hunt gave a brief overview. President Melton asked for a motion to approve the Participation Agreement and Resolution, Bill Holder made a motion, seconded by David Brandon. Motion passed with no opposition.

6. Consider approval of the 2020 Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement

President Melton asked for a motion to table this item for today. Bill Holder made a motion to table the item, seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion passed with no opposition.

7. Consider adoption of Revised Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan

Lonnie Hunt pointed out that the plan had previously been adopted; however, TxDOT asked the Board to include one sentence (in both English and Spanish) that sentence was added to the bottom of page 7. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to adopt the Revised Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan, seconded by Joe Bell. Motion passed with no opposition.

8. Adoption of Resolution for Signing Authority of Executive Director

TxDOT asked for documentation that Executive Director Lonnie Hunt is authorized to act on behalf of DETCOG. They wanted to see a resolution adopted by the Board. President Melton asked for a motion. Edeska Barnes made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Signing Authority of Executive Director, seconded by Tommy Overstreet. Motion passed with no opposition.

9. Hear report from Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Mark Nettuno, Chair) and consider approving Solid Waste Grant Program Budget and program parameters.

Commissioner Nettuno was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Bob Bashaw, DETCOG & EDD Regional Planner gave a report and recommendations from the committee. A motion was made by Mark Allen to approve the Solid Waste Grant Program Budget and program parameters, seconded by Edeska Barnes. Motion passed with no opposition.

10. Adoption of Resolution authorizing liability insurance coverage for directors of the Forest Country Development Corporation (FCDC).

Lonnie Hunt presented information and draft of resolution. A motion was made by Joe Bell to adopt the resolution authorizing liability coverage for the directors of FCDC, seconded by Musetta Hosey. Motion passed with no opposition.

11. Adoption of Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan for FY 2021.

The 453-page plan was made available online with the provided link and at the DETCOG office. Housing Director, Janett Lewis gave a brief overview of the most significant changes. There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to adopt the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan for FY 2021, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed with no opposition.

12. Adoption of Annual Utility Allowance Schedules for Housing Program.

Housing Director, Janett Lewis gave summary of the utility allowance schedules. No questions or comments. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia McKenzie to adopt the Annual Utility Allowance Schedule for Housing Program, seconded by Mark Allen. Motion passed with no opposition.

13. Approval of 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

President Melton called for a motion. A motion was made by Mark Allen to approve the 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar with a disclaimer the we are still holding meetings online at this time and all meeting dates and times are subject to change by action of the Board President, which is in keeping with the Bylaws, seconded by Daphne Session. Motion passed with no opposition.

14. Executive Director's Update on DETCOG programs and activities

15. Announcements from Members of the Board

16. Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events

-Nov 26-27	DETCOG offices closed for Thanksgiving
-Dec 24-25	DETCOG offices closed for Christmas
-Jan 1	DETCOG offices closed for New Year's Day

17. Adjourn

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