



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Alumni Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
300 S. Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO.

ATTENDEES: Chris Coulter, Cindy Stephens, Jerry Harman, Wayne Blades for Mark Maples, Todd Wiesehan, Duane Lavery, Courtney Pinkham, and Jane Hood

Open Meeting – Chris Coulter

1. Approval of November 9, 2021 Agenda

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Duane Lavery to approve the November 9, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval of September 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Cindy Stephens to approve the September 14, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

3. Audit Services – Cindy Stephens

Cindy Stephens reviewed the proposals and shared her thoughts and recommendations which was also in written form and handed out to committee members. Weston's Tax & Accounting Services and Sikich LLP provided proposals. Weston's Tax is not a CPA and did not have a good recommendation from Harry S Truman Coordinating Council who used him once. His price was \$14,950. Sikich LLP had a good proposal and recommendations from other RPC's. They are more expensive at \$25,000. Treasurer, Cindy Stephens recommended Skich. They will audit years 2019-2021, provide training, etc. Discussion held.

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Todd Wiesehan to accept the bid and award to Sikich LLP for audit services. Motion passed.

4. EDA Fund Transfers – Chris Coulter

-Request to transfer funds from EDA Covid account to Great Southern checking account for 4th quarter of 2021 the amount of \$21,106.48. These expenses include travel, conference registration etc., all allowed by EDA.

Motion made by Jerry Harman and seconded by Cindy Stephens to transfer \$21,106.48 from EDA Covid account to Great Southern checking account. Motions carried.

-Request to transfer funds from EDA Covid account to Great Southern checking account for 1st quarter of 2022 in the amount of \$17,862.51 for travel, CARES meeting, NADO registration, personnel, fringe, etc. all allowed by EDA.

Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Duane Lavery to transfer \$17,862.51 from EDA Covid account to Great Southern checking account. Motion carried.

-Request to transfer from EDA Partnership Planning account 1st quarter \$460.21 and 2nd quarter \$3674.99 for a total of \$4,135.31 to the Great Southern checking account. These were for travel, office supplies, listing of job opening, etc.

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Jerry Harman to transfer \$4135.31 from EDA Partnership Planning account to Great Southern checking account. Motion passed.

5. Program/Project Updates -Jane Hood

Thomas is working on local and state RhsoC reports. He is starting the Lawrence & Taney County comp plans due in 2022.

Lexi is working on the Branson Wastewater Treatment project, Elevate Branson, building removal in Crane, Marshfield LMI, Fair Play drinking water & sewer, Seymour police station. Chris is working on Christian County comp plan, Stone & Barry Counties resilience planning and EDA reports.

Aishwarya is working on Aurora comp plan and sub area plan, Branson West & Christian County comp plans, Marshfield transportation plan and finishing Kimberling City zoning amendments.

Jane shared that DNR State Parks is accepting applications for Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) which is a 50% grant for parks, ball fields, etc., with a maximum of \$500k. Now is the time to get the application in as the money will be granted this spring.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion made by Jerry Harman and seconded by Duane Lavery to adjourn. Motion carried.