

**SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS HYBRID MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Be it remembered that the Board of Directors of South Plains Association of Governments met at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the SPAG Board Room, 1323 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Indicates Executive Committee Members and Board Members who were present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Sharla Baldrige - EC       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Steve Massengale - EC   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Tina Betts                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Woodie McArthur                 |
| Councilmember Karen Boyce  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Mark McBrayer           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Mike Braddock              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Jim Meador – EC                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Kevin Brendle              | Judge David Mull  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Blake Cate - EC            | Judge Lee Norman  |
| Commissioner Jason Corley  | Judge Curtis Parrish  |
| Judge Duane Daniel   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Shelia Patterson-Harris |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Mike DeLoach – EC          | Senator Charles Perry   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Gilbert Flores - EC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Barbra Pinner – EC              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Rusty Forbes               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Floyd Price - EC                  |
| Mr. Kevin Hearn  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jordan Rackler           |
| Judge Pat Sabala Henry   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Clinton Sawyer                  |
| Mayor Tom Hesse  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Tony Serbantez                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Latrelle Joy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Mike Slayden             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Terence Kovar       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Charles Starnes                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Armando Lopez                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Jana Trew                       |
| Judge Marty Lucke  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Carmen Vige                       |
| Mr. Mario Martinez   | Judge Michael Ybarra  |
| Councilmember Christy Martinez-Garcia                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Lori Zinn                         |

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim C. Pierce	Paige Herndon	Cindy Castillo
Belinda Solis	Piata Bryant	Gay Lynn Mosher
Tim Schwartz	Courtney McNeely	Heather DeWitt
Alexis Rubio	Sydney Norman	Bri Tuthill
Ashlyn Brown	Chelsey Baldivia	Melanie Gaden
Ayda Martinez	Vanessa Martinez	Liz Castro

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER**

**President Jim Meador called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.**

B-448-23 President Jim Meador opened the floor to receive Public Comment from citizens to address the Board concerning an issue of interest that is posted on the agenda for the meeting. No Public Comments were received.

B-449-23 Motion made by Terrence Kovar, seconded by Floyd Price and unanimously approved the minutes and ratification of the actions taken at the May 9, 2023 meeting.

B-450-23 Motion made by Blake Cate, seconded by Tony Serbantez and unanimously approved the financial report for the month of April 2023.

B-451-23 Recognition of Vanessa Martinez for her 5 Years of Service to the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG).

B-452-23 Presentation on the U. S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration – Austin Regional Office by Jorge Ayala, Regional Director.

B-453-23 Presentation on the historical investment and impact by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) on the SPAG Region by Kelly Davila, Director of Regional Services and Economic Development.

B-454-23 President Jim Meador appointed the 2023 – 2024 Nominating Committee.

- Judge Lee Norman (Chair)
- Mayor Blake Cate
- Judge Curtis Parrish
- Mayor Barbra Pinner
- Judge Pat Henry
- Councilmember Steve Massengale
- Judge Jim Meador (Ex-Officio)

B-455-23 President Jim Meador appointed the 2023-2024 Financial Plan Committee.

- President - Judge Jim Meador, Motley County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mayor Barbra Pinner, City of Levelland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Judge Mike DeLoach, Lamb County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Mayor Blake Cate, City of Anton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Commissioner Gilbert Flores, Lubbock County
- Secretary – Councilmember Steve Massengale, City of Lubbock
- Treasurer – Judge Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County

B-456-23 Motion made by Rusty Forbes, seconded by Blake Cate and approved the interlocal agreements with cities of Brownfield, Floydada, and Ransom Canyon for application development of a FY2023 – Texas Parks & Wildlife Program. 25 in favor; 1 abstained.

B-457-23 Motion made by Sheila Patterson-Harris, seconded by Gilbert Flores and approved the interlocal agreements for Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants with Dickens County, Garza County and Lynn County. 24 in favor; 2 abstained.

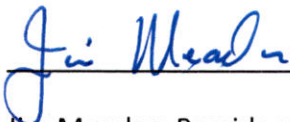
B-458-23 Motion made by Mike DeLoach, seconded by Blake Cate and unanimously approved an application to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a 2023 STEM Talent Challenge grant application.

B-459-23 Motion made by Terence Kovar, seconded by Mike DeLoach and unanimously approved an application to the U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding grant application.

B-460-23 Staff Reports

- Kelly Davila gave a final report regarding the West Texas Small Business Summit.
- Tim Pierce announced Kelly Davila was appointed to the Advisory Committee for the EDA – supported RLF Community of Practice (CoP).
- Gay Lynn Mosher provided an update on the 103<sup>rd</sup> Basic Peace Officer Academy Graduation Ceremony.
- Kelly Davila provided an update on the Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) and the development of the Statewide Broadband Development Plan.
- Kelly Davila provided information regarding SolSmart, a free Technical Assistance Program.
- Tim Pierce announced Senator Charles Perry was awarded “Rainmaker of the Year” by the Texas Water Foundation.

Minutes Read and Approved this 11th day of July 2023.



Jim Meador, President



Tim C. Pierce, Executive Director