SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS HYBRID MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

MINUTES

Be it remembered that the Board of Directors of South Plains Association of Governments met at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 9, 2024 in the SPAG Board Room, 1323 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

☑ Indicates Executive Committee Members and Board Members who were present:

- ✓ Judge Sharla Baldridge EC
- ☑ Ms. Tina Betts EC

 Councilmember Karen Boyce

 Judge Mike Braddock
- ☑ Judge Kevin Brendle
- ☑ Mayor Blake Cate EC Councilmember Tim Collins Commissioner Jason Corley
- ☑ Judge Duane Daniel
- ☑ Judge Mike DeLoach EC
- ☑ Commissioner Gilbert Flores EC
- ☑ Judge Rusty Forbes
- ☑ Councilmember David Glasheen
- ☑ Judge Pat Sabala Henry
- ☑ Mayor Natalie Howard
- ☑ Commissioner Terence Kovar
- ☑ Mr. Armando Lopez
- ✓ Judge Marty Lucke Mr. Mario Martinez

- Councilmember Christy Martinez-Garcia
- Judge Woodie McArthur
- ✓ Judge Jim Meador EC Judge David Mull
- ✓ Judge Lee Norman Judge Curtis Parrish Senator Charles Perry
- ☑ Mr. Floyd Price EC
 - Commissioner Jordan Rackler
- ☑ Councilmember Brayden Rose
- ☑ Mayor Clinton Sawyer
- ✓ Judge Tony Serbantez
- ☑ Mayor Clifton Shaw
- ☑ Commissioner Mike Slayden
- ✓ Judge Michael Ybarra Ms. Lori Zinn

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim C. Pierce Liz Castro
Belinda Solis Piata Bryant
Cissy Vidaurre Kelly Davila
Tim Schwartz Sydney Quant

Gay Lynn Mosher Tamer Mahmoud
Yvonne Ndungu Ayda Martinez

Heather DeWitt Chelsey Baldivia
Lauren Nichols John Bosco Boadi-Quaye

Kylie Puga

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CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PRAYER

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

B-99-24 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-100-24 Motion made by Blake Cate, seconded by Mike DeLoach and unanimously approved the minutes and ratification of the actions taken at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

B-101-24 Motion made by Floyd Price, seconded by Mike DeLoach and unanimously approved the financial report for the months of April and May 2024.

B-102-24 Motion made by Lee Norman, seconded by Terrance Kovar and unanimously approved the resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$10,000 with the Texas Department of Transportation, to provide technical assistance to cities and counties in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District regarding rural transportation planning through the coordination of the South Plains Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for Fiscal Year 2025.

B-103-24 Motion made by Marty Lucke, seconded by Mike DeLoach and unanimously approved the resolution to apply to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to be designated as the Lead Agency for FY 2025 for Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning and request the \$20,000 grant for continuation funding.

B-104-24 Motion made by Terrance Kovar, seconded by Tony Serbantez and unanimously approved the resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG), to provide technical assistance and service of loan servicing, closing, and packaging necessary to complete a 504 Loan. In addition, SPAG will provide training on writing and administration of CDBG and EDA applications.

B-105-24 Motion made by Blake Cate, seconded by Lee Norman and approved the resolution to apply to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a building/land, and to commit \$550,000 in cash/in-kind value as match for the purpose of establishing the South Plains Small Business Financing Assistance Center.

B-106-24 President Jim Meador appointed the 2024 – 2025 Financial Plan Committee.

- Judge Jim Meador
- Judge Mike DeLoach
- Mayor Blake Cate
- Commissioner Gilbert Flores

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- Judge Sharla Baldridge
- Floyd Price
- Tina Betts

B-107-24 President Jim Meador appointed the 2024 – 2025 Nominating Committee.

- Judge Lee Norman (Chair)
- Mayor Blake Cate
- Judge Curtis Parrish
- Mayor Charles Starnes
- Judge Mike DeLoach
- Councilmember Christy Martinez-Garcia
- Judge Jim Meador (Ex-Officio)

B-108-24 Motion made by Lee Norman, seconded by Pat Henry and unanimously approved the following Committee Appointments:

<u>Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)</u>
Brent Poole, Floyd County, nominated by Marty Lucke

Emergency Responder Advisory Committee (ERAC)
Cy Williams, Lynn County, nominated by Mike Braddock

B-109-24 Staff Reports

- Kelly Davila and Heather DeWitt provided an update on the West Texas Small Business Summit.
- Tim Pierce and Charles Starnes provided an overview on the visit by the Mongolian Delegation.
- Kelly Davila provided an update on the new SPAG Building.
- Kelly Davila announced SPAG received the Star of the Southwest Award presented by the Southwest Region Economic Development Association (SWREDA) Board of Directors for the successful implementation of the EDA funded COVID Relief Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).
- Tim Pierce announced the Board Quarterly Lunch will be held at the new building following the August Board Meeting.
- Piata Bryant announced the SPAG County Judges Quarterly Meetings.

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Minutes Read and Approved this 13th day of August 2024.

Jim Meador, President

Tim C. Pierce, Executive Director