

TO: PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

FROM: MR. DUSTIN KORITKO, CHAIRMAN, PLANNING AND
PROJECTS COMMITTEE
THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning and Projects Committee held a meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. The meeting was held at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, Georgia. Committee Chair Dustin Koritko welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. Ms. Adrienne Shales gave the invocation; afterwards, Committee Chair Koritko led the committee members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken and the following individuals attended:

Planning and Projects Committee Members in Attendance

Mr. Kevin Hemphill, Non-Public Member, Carroll County
Mr. Dustin Koritko, Council Member, City of Newnan
Mr. Greg Wright, Non-Public Member, Coweta County
Mr. Lee Boone, Chair, Heard County
Ms. Kathy Knowles, Non-Public Member, Heard County
Mr. Doug Hollberg, Mayor, City of Griffin
Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., Non-Public Member, Troup County

Additional Three Rivers Council Members in Attendance

Ms. Adrienne Shales, Non-Public Member, Upson County

Guests in Attendance

Ms. Kim Dutton, Planner, Coweta County
Ms. Dana Eldridge, Representative with GEFA

Staff Present

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul, Executive Director
Ms. Angela Jackson, Administrative Services Director
Ms. Mandy Nicholson, HR Manager
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary, Administrative Services
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner
Mr. Brandon Lounsbury, Economic Development Specialist

Mr. Tommy Kennedy, Transit Program Director
Ms. Stephanie Glenn, Workforce Development Director
Ms. Stephanie Matthews, Deputy Workforce Development Director

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2022 MINUTES (action item)

Committee Chair Koritko advised the members that the minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting needed to be approved. Ms. Kathy Knowles made the motion to approve the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr. Committee Chair Koritko asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (action item)

Committee Chair Koritko advised that a motion was needed to approve the agenda. Ms. Jeannie Brantley advised Committee Chair Koritko that the agenda needed to be amended to include TRRC Broadband Task Force Update. Mr. Brown made the motion to amend the agenda to include TRRC Broadband Task Force Update; it was seconded by Mr. Greg Wright. Committee Chair Koritko asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA) FINANCING OPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS

Ms. Dana Eldridge, GEFA Representative, presented this portion of the agenda. She advised the committee that there are three (3) loan programs available: Georgia Fund for water, sewer, storm water, solid waste and solar projects with state funds as the funding source. The borrowing limits are \$3,000,000 per year with no federal requirements and no principal forgiveness opportunities. The Clean Water SRF is for sewer, storm water and solar projects with federal funds and \$25,000,000 per year as the borrowing limits. This program has several federal requirements and does have principal forgiveness opportunities. The last loan program is Drinking Water for water and solar programs with federal funds as the funding source. The borrowing limits are \$25,000,000 per year and there are several federal requirements as well as principal forgiveness opportunities. Ms. Eldridge explained who is eligible to apply for the loans as well as the interest rates. The members were advised that the pre-application period (GEFA's annual call for projects) will begin again in September 2022 and will close February 2023. She discussed the project scoring criteria as well as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Ms. Eldridge encouraged the committee to contact her (deldridge@gefa.ga.gov) if they had any questions concerning the GEFA Financing Options.

FY '22 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT UPDATE (action item)

Mr. Paul Jarrell presented this portion of the agenda. Mr. Jarrell advised that the FY '22 Annual Implementation Report was originally discussed during March's committee meeting. The report has been revised to address the questions or comments that the committee expressed during the March meeting. After several minutes of discussion, Mr. Jarrell advised the members that the FY '22 Annual Implementation Report Update must be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) along with a cover letter signed by the executive director. This report must be submitted to DCA in a timely manner for their review. **FORMAL ACTION: Mr. Kevin**

Hemphill made the motion to approve the FY “22 Annual Implementation Report Update; it was seconded by Mr. Brown. Committee Chair Koritko asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously. Committee Chair Koritko remarked that the report was “clearer” and thanked the staff for the revision.

TRRC BROADBAND TASK FORCE UPDATE

Mr. Jarrell presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that there was a recent online OneGeorgia workshop. There is a broadband funding opportunity and all TRRC counties are eligible to apply. The notices of funding opportunities will be announced in the next few weeks. There will be \$25 million available statewide and the eligibility maps will refresh by June 30th. Mr. Jarrell reminded the committee that Ms. Amy Stone (Amy.stone@dca.ga.gov) is the DCA Broadband Consultant and Ms. Gina Webb (gina.webb@dca.ga.gov) is the OneGeorgia Authority Director. He encouraged the committee to contact these individuals if they had any questions concerning the broadband funding opportunities.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul presented this portion of the agenda. He provided a brief history of the Strategic Plan and remarked that the plan needed to be revised or start fresh by crafting a new one. A review of the current plan promoted a lengthy discussion between the committee and Mr. Fjelstul with possible solutions made regarding orientation for members. According to one (1) member, the current plan felt as though it was an “internal Strategic Plan for the staff.” This led to some additional comments and discussion. Mr. Fjelstul mentioned that the Strategic Plan would be discussed again during next month’s committee meeting. Committee Chair Koritko advised the members that the discussion needed to be “wrapped up” and he added that all council members are invited to the committee meetings in order to join the discussions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Chair Koritko announced that Mr. Wright was recently given the Kiwanis’ Legend of Honor award. This award is presented to members with 25 years of service to the community. Congratulations, Mr. Wright!

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Committee Chair Koritko advised that the Planning and Projects Committee will meet on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; more details will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Koritko adjourned the meeting after receiving a motion from Mr. Wright and a second from Mr. Brown.

Dustin Koritko, Chairman
Planning and Projects Committee