

Minutes
Executive Board
South Eastern Council of Governments
April 3, 2024

Present

Jim Feeney, Chair

David, Jim (for Curt Soehl): Sioux Falls City Council
Ekhoff, Jeff: Mayor's Appt.: City of Sioux Falls
Franken, Joan: Private Representative
Grady, Jeremy: Private Representative
Greco, Tom (for Joe Kippley): Minnehaha County Commissioner
Hansen, Bill: Private Representative
Hindbjorgen, Dan: Private Representative
Hybertson, Jared: Turner County Commissioner
Jansma, Tami, Mayor's Appt.: City of Brandon
Nilges, Andrew: Private Representative
Prescott, John: Mayor's Appt.: City of Vermillion
Smith, Betty: Clay County Commissioner
Starr, Pat: Sioux Falls City Council
Ustad, Milton: Union County Commissioner
Weber, Roger: Private Representative
Wenck, Derick: Mayor of Harrisburg

Absent

Koch, Dean: McCook County Commissioner
Peterson, Drew: Legislator
Schmidt, Jim: Lincoln County Commissioner
Stern, Scott: Private Representative
Voelker, Casey: Mayor of Tea

Staff Present

Lynne Keller Forbes
Erik Barnes
Sophie Johnson

Others Present

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Jim Feeney called the meeting to order. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.
2. **Appointment of Private Sector Representatives and Legislative Members for 2024:** The Nominating Committee put forth the following recommendations:
 - a. **Private Sector Representatives:** Joan Franken, Jeremy Grady, Bill Hansen, Dan Hindbjorgen, Andrew Nilges, Scott Stern, and Roger Weber.
 - b. **Legislative Member:** Representative Drew Peterson.

John Prescott made a motion to appoint the slate of nominees. Jared Hybertson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. At this point, the private sector representatives joined the meeting.

3. **Election of Officers for 2024:** The Nominating Committee put forth the following recommendations: Jim Feeney as Chair, John Prescott as Vice Chair, and Dan Hindbjorgen as Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Eckhoff made a motion to appoint the slate of nominees. Roger Weber seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Appointment of Operations Committee for 2024:** Chairman Jim Feeney appointed Jeff Eckhoff, Joan Franken, Bill Hansen, Jim Schmidt, and Roger Weber to serve on the Operations Committee for 2024.
5. **Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023:** Bill Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Grady and passed unanimously.
6. **Financial Statements as 12/31/2023 (Preliminary) and 02/29/2024:** Lynne Keller Forbes presented the preliminary financial statements as of December 31, 2023, and the financial statements as of February 29, 2024.

Joan Franken made a motion to approve the preliminary financial statements as of December 31, 2023, and the financial statements as of February 29, 2024. The motion was seconded by Dan Hindbjorden, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Operations Committee:

A. **2025 Dues:** On March 24, 2004, the Board adopted Resolution #2004-01 establishing a membership dues increase policy which states, “Absent extenuating circumstances, annual increases to SECOG’s membership dues shall coincide with the Consumer Price Index factor provided by the South Dakota Secretary of Revenue and Regulation pursuant to SDCL 10-13-35 and 10-13-38.” In accordance with this resolution, the dues increase for 2025 will be 3.0%. Roger Weber made a motion to approve 3.0% dues increase for 2025. The motion was seconded by Pat Starr and passed unanimously.

8. Conflict of Interest Policy: Lynne Keller Forbes presented a Conflict of Interest Policy for SECOG board members to sign.

9. Resolution #2024-01: Lynne Keller Forbes presented Resolution #2024-01. Jeremy Grady made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-01 to submit a Solid Waste Management Program grant application in the amount of \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Pat Starr and passed unanimously.

10. Resolution #2024-02: Sophie Johnson presented Resolution #2024-02. John Prescott made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-02 to submit a regional Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application in the amount not to exceed \$325,000. The motion was seconded by Derik Wenck and passed unanimously.

11. SECOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): Sophie Johnson presented the draft SECOG CEDs. This was informational only.

12. 2023 Annual Report: Lynne Keller Forbes, Erik Barnes, and Sophie Johnson presented the 2023 Annual Report. This was informational only.

13. Other Business: Erik Barnes updated the board on the SECOG RFP for financial services. Lynne Keller Forbes thanked Councilor Pat Starr for his service on SECOG’s board.

14. Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be June 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment: Chairman Jim Feeney adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.