

## **GNRC**

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Greater Nashville Regional Council  
220 Athens Way, Suite 200  
Nashville, Tennessee 37228

GNRC Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:15 am  
Clarion Hotel Nashville-Downtown Stadium  
211 North First Street  
Nashville, Tennessee

### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Bernie Ash	Lebanon
Michael Barr	Millersville
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Mike Callis	Portland
Stephen Chambers	Trousdale County
Jamie Clary	Hendersonville
Glen Guyor	Coopertown
Mike Harris	Brentwood
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Randall Hutto	Wilson County
Jimmy Johnston	Forward Sumner
Jim Kerr	Murfreesboro
Bill Ketron	Rutherford County
Jerry Kirkman	Westmoreland
Kenny Martin	Mt. Juliet
Kerry McCarver	Cheatham County
Ken Moore	Franklin
Bob Rial	Dickson County

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Executive Anthony Holt, Sumner County, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel Nashville-Downtown Stadium, 211 North First Street, Nashville, TN.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Holt called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Executive Board meeting.

Franklin Mayor Ken Moore made a motion to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes as presented. Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **GRANT PROJECT REVIEWS**

Mr. Matt Von Lunen, GNRC Chief Economic Development Officer, stated that there were three projects that were reviewed. He said that they were all endorsed by the staff. Two are USDA funded. One is for system improvements for the Pleasant View Utility District Sewer. One is for the Houston County for the purchase of new solid waste equipment. The third is a Community Development Block Grant for an ECD project for 2018 Sumner County Rural Water Line Extensions.

Rutherford County Mayor Bill Ketron moved to approve the grants. Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Jovia King, GNRC Finance Manager, presented the financial report for the period of July 1st through April 30, 2019. Total expenditures as of April 30<sup>th</sup> are \$9,733,338.00. Total Revenue of \$8,225,036.00 and available cash on hand of \$754,782.00.

Portland Mayor Mike Callis moved to approve the financial report with Franklin Mayor Ken Moore seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **Informational Items:**

### **a) FY 2018 Independent Audit**

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, introduced Ms. Jennifer Manternach with Crosslin Certified Public Accountants shared the results of the annual audit for FY 2018. GNRC is required to submit an independent audit to the Office of the Comptroller and that GNRC has met reporting deadlines for Federal data collection form.

Ms. Manternach said that the audit was unmodified or clean. She said that the State has oversight responsibilities of our audit. She said that in order to perform the audit they are required to be independent with respect to GNRC and must

follow the U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance standards. There are management judgements and accounting estimates. In Footnote A in the financial statement the significant financial policies are noted and they have been reviewed and find that they are both appropriate and comprehensive. There were some audit adjustments which are included in Appendix A. No fraud was found.

Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson asked what was the amount that GNRC pays into the TN Consolidated Pension Plan. Ms. Manternach said that amount details were on page 40 of the audit report. The contributions as a percentage of covered payroll for 2018 was 5.13%.

Mayor Anderson asked if at the end of 2019 if the pension plan under the Gadsby Rule be reported differently and how will that affect GNRC. Ms. Manternach said that changes to the pension going forward would have no significant impact on financial statements.

Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto moved to accept the audit as presented. Westmoreland Mayor Jerry Kirkman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Regular Reports:**

### **a) Chair's Report**

Executive Anthony Holt asked Mayor Ken Moore to report on the Mayors Caucus meeting at the Bi County Landfill in Clarksville.

Mayor Moore said that the Mayor's Caucus noted that this landfill has a significant impact due to recycling. He said that recyclables need to be cleaner for them to be accepted. We also observed the encapsulating of the landfill and selling the gas back for energy purposes. He said it was a good first start for us to understand more about the operations of a landfill. He said that it is important for everyone to be engaged, including the Legislature and the Department of Environment and Conservation. He said that we need to be pushing this hard at the State level.

Executive Holt said that this is a regional issue. Mayor Moore said that the solid waste directors in each jurisdiction are very engaged with each other. He said that they lead but we must support. Mayor Moore said that Becky Caldwell, GNRC Solid Waste Program Planner, is doing an excellent job. Mayor Ketron said that if Metro is not able to come up with a plan, the region will have to come up with a plan.

Executive Holt said that he was pleased with the clean audit. He thanked Michael Skipper for all he has done for GNRC and for the professionalism of the entire staff and said that this group is the most dynamic in the state. He said that we operate so many programs as we grow and we need to stay engaged and continue to connect the dots. Round of applause for Mr. Skipper and the GNRC staff.

## **b) Staff Report:**

- a. Mr. Skipper said thanked Ms. Gayle Wilson, Finance Director and Ms. Jovia King, Finance Manager, for looking into better software improvements.
- b. Mr. Skipper said that 501 Union litigation which started in 2017 is not complete due to a dispute with one condo owner. Ms. Laylah Smith, Chief Legal Counsel, said that the litigation has been going on for 1½ years. She said that we prevailed in the trial in June 2018 but the court hasn't issued a final order yet. They are trying to calculate the final distributions of the sales proceeds. She said that outside counsel is working to move this forward. She said that she anticipates the case to continue on appeal. She said that as of today we should receive \$2,046,000.
- c. Mr. Skipper said that Mr. Max Baker will assist any jurisdiction with changes to the census geography. He said that we are coordinating with the census bureau. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Max Baker, GNRC Director of Research and Analytics, at [mbaker@gnrc.org](mailto:mbaker@gnrc.org). In the meantime, please feel free to explore the new web tool developed by Max and his team to support the work at

<https://gnrc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=98961ad74e674f96a2f26f9928c30acd>

- d. Mr. Skipper said that Ms. Rasheedah Pardue is coordinating the Tennessee Arts Commission grant (ABC Grant). Applications are due July 1, 2019. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Rasheedah Pardue, GNRC Economic and Community Development Administrator, at [rpardue@gnrc.org](mailto:rpardue@gnrc.org). More information can be found here: <http://tnartscommission.org/grants/arts-build-communities-grant-2/> He said that Grant guidelines can be found here: <http://tnartscommission.org/grants/arts-build-communities-grant-2/view-abc-grant-guidelines/>
- e. Mr. Skipper said that Ms. Becky Caldwell has been working closely with county directors on a draft regional master plan. This will be presented at the June meeting.
- f. Mr. Skipper thanked Ms. Gayle Wilson and Ms. Jovia King for the hard work during the audit.

Executive Holt reminded the members of the development meeting/lunch immediately following this meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Edwards  
Recording Secretary