

AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2016

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Self-introductions.

Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, August 25, 2016, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Review and Comment

Items 5 & 6 will be presented separately by Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator

Item 5. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewals by the following:

- a) U.S Steel Tubular Products, Inc. to authorize the continued operation of the processing center located at 2552 FM 250, Lone Star, Morris and Cass Counties, Texas.
- b) Harold Jackson Smith, Jr., to authorize the continued operation of a concrete batch plant located at 1358 County Road 3010, Cookville, Titus County, Texas.

Item 6. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by the following:

- a) Alumax Mill Products, Inc. to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 300 Alumax Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, ultimately to Days Creek.
- b) City of Bloomburg to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of Cypress Street and Pennock Avenue in Cass County, Texas, ultimately to Cypress Creek Basin in Texas.

Item 7. Review and comment on an application by Detroit Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$947,771, to be matched with \$236,943 cash and in-kind, for continuation/refunding of head start. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)

Regular Business

Item 8. Review and consider approval of changes to bylaws of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). (See attachment 1) (To be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 9. Review and consider approval of the ATCOG Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR) and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2017. (See attachment 2; additional information available in addendum) (To be presented by staff member Mary Beth Rudel)

Item 10. Review and approve adoption of a risk-based formula as the method for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds for jurisdictions, as well as revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws to reflect the risk-based formula method. (See attachment 3) (To be presented by staff member Mary Beth Rudel)

Other Business

Item 11. Executive Director Report (For information only – see attachment 4) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Homeland Security Quarterly Report
- Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) minutes

Item 12. Review and consider ratification of contracts. (See addendum; copies available at meeting) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Renewal of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and ATCOG
- Renewal of Juvenile Justice Services Contracts between ATCOG and ATCOG counties.
- Renewal of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division and ATCOG.
- Renewal of Technical Assistance Agreement between the Texas Department of Agriculture and ATCOG.
- Renewal of Texas Department of Transportation Project Grant Agreements as follows:
 - a) Section 5310 Federal – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
 - b) Section 5311 Federal – Rural Public Transportation (RPT)
 - c) Section 5311(f) Federal – Intercity Bus
 - d) RCTP Application
 - e) Public Transportation – Rural State Funds

Item 13. Recognition for 9-1-1 Satellite Project Award. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown/ staff member Mary Beth Rudel)

Item 14. Update on EDA/TexasAmericas grant. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)

Announcements

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Location will be announced at a later date.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

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**MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2016**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Titus County Extension Office, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. President L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Each attendee introduced themselves at this time.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, May 25, 2016, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville, and seconded by A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, to authorize the modification to and continued operation of Compressor Station 802 located on County Road 24200, Lamar County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County, and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 6. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation to authorize discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 664 FM 127 West, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

Motion to approve was made by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County, and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Item 7. Vickie Williamson, Special Projects Coordinator, presented for consideration an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$22,649, to be matched with \$5,617 in-kind, for cost of living increases for Head Start Staff.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, and seconded by Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks. It was approved.

Item 8. Ms. Williamson presented for consideration an application by Red River County Sheriff's Office to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Fund, for a grant/loan in the amount of \$177,868 for the purchase of four patrol vehicles.

Motion to approve with typographical corrections to the Resolution was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Item 9. Ms. Williamson presented for consideration an application by Amy Management, LLC., to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Fund, for a loan in the amount of \$27,500,000 for the renovation and equipping of a State-of-the-art hospital.

Motion to approve with typographical corrections to the Resolution was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 10. Mary Beth Rudel, Public Safety Manager, presented for consideration approval and adoption of the monthly regional repeater test participation requirement for Homeland Security grant eligibility.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Superville. It was approved.

Item 11. Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration, presented for consideration approval of adoption of the ATCOG Flexible Benefits Plan Cafeteria Plan for FY2017.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 12. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for consideration approval of Formation of ATCOG Holding Company to allow for refinancing of ATCOG's main building.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 13. Mr. Brown provided a quarterly financial report for Indirect funds. This item was for information only; no action was taken.

Item 14. Linda Moore, Finance Manager, presented an update on IRS 990 forms, which are filed annually. Copies were made available to anyone interested in reviewing them.

Item 15. Ms. Rudel presented an update on Kari's Law, which would require business owners to provide direct-dial access to 9-1-1, eliminating the need to dial "9" or any other numbers for an outside line. ATCOG's 9-1-1 Department has been working diligently with area business owners, hospitals, hotels, schools, etc., to get them into compliance by the deadline of September 1, 2016. Ms. Rudel advised anyone needing more information or assistance with compliance to contact her.

She also provided an update on next generation 9-1-1, which would include texting and sending pictures to 9-1-1 from a cell phone, setting up workgroups to assist with rerouting calls from cell phones to the correct dispatch center, as well as rural addressing issues and errors. There were some general comments regarding the updates. This item was for information only; no action was taken.

Item 16. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented an update on Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Eligibility for FY2016 and handouts were provided for each county. She also announced the schedule for upcoming Law Enforcement Training in both September and November at ATCOG.

Announcements

Ms. Rudel announced the possibility of adopting a risk-based allocation formula for Homeland Security funding. Updates will be provided after further planning by the HSAC, if the committee decides to move forward.

Ms. Pipes advised that ATCOG has signed a Continuation of Coverage with TML for COBRA benefits, which was due prior to the Board meeting, but did not require Board approval.

Mr. Brown advised Board members that Mr. Mike Sandefur, a previous ATCOG Board member, is now the President of Sulphur River Basin Authority. He may be contacting counties regarding future projects.

Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, announced she is currently making reservations for the NADO Annual Training Conference and to contact her if you have interest in attending.

Judge Williamson announced the next Board of Directors Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at 201 N. Davis, Sulphur Springs City Hall, hosted by Emily Glass, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs. .

There were no other announcements, so motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Rushing and seconded by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
M.C. (Chuck) Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
Emily Glass, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sulphur Springs
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City
Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ralph Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon

GUESTS PRESENT

Reece DeWoody, Office of Senator John Cornyn
Daniel Alders, Office of Senator Ted Cruz
Robert McGee, Chief of Police, Queen City
Jim Cladwell, Red River County Sherriff's Office
Samantha Sellers, Red River County Sherriff's Office
Jennifer Harland, SWEPCO/NETX Workforce Solutions
Randy Reed, NETX Workforce Solutions
April Corbit, NETX Workforce Solutions
Kiann Richards, NETX Workforce Solutions
Susan Thorne, Member of the Public

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration
Linda Moore, Finance Manager
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Manager
Claude Ramsey, IT Manager
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator
Vickie Williamson, Special Projects Coordinator
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20161006-0001-05

Date Received: 9-20-16

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: U.S. Tubular Products, Inc.

Project Description: This application by U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for renewal to Air Quality Permit No. 78922, which would authorize the continued operation of the Steel Tubular Products Processing Center located at 2552 FM 250, Lone Star, Morris and Cass County, Texas. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Lone Star, Morris and Cass County, Texas

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and will conduct a technical review.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes, this permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the production of steel pipe and specialty tubing in our region. All procedures required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed including filtration of airborne contaminants and collection of metal slag in vats.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of the Air Quality Permit will not allow additional construction activities to take place.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. This facility provides employment for approximately 1400 citizens of our region and the production of steel pipe and specialty tubing is necessary in order to supply products such as oil field well casings, natural gas pipelines up to 16 inches in diameter, and specialty automotive tubing. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 78922 BY U.S. STEEL TUBULAR PRODUCTS, INC. TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE STEEL TUBULAR PRODUCTS PROCESSING CENTER LOCATED AT 2552 FM 250, LONE STAR, MORRIS AND CASS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20161007-0001-05

Date Received: 10-7-16

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Harold Jackson Smith, Jr.

Project Description: Harold Jackson Smith, Jr., has applied to TCEQ for renewal of Registration No. 142917 for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize the continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 1358 County Road 3070, Cookville, Titus County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in size and 2.5 microns in size.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Cookville, Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for this facility, which provides employment, helps stimulate the economy and is a local source of a necessary construction material, vital to the growth of our region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The facility is located at least 300 feet from the nearest residence. All precautions to reduce the amount of air pollution associated with this operation will be taken, however some road dust and cement residue will be generated by the vehicle traffic at this site.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The continued operation of this concrete batch plant will provide employment to residents in the surrounding area and will help facilitate large construction projects which are ongoing within our region. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by Harold Jackson Smith, Jr.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT, REGISTRATION NO. 142917, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), TO HAROLD JACKSON SMITH, JR., WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCH PLANT LOCATED AT 1358 COUNTY ROAD 3070, COOKVILLE, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL EMIT PARTICULATE MATTER AND ROAD DUST.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20161006-0002-05

Date Received: 09-26-16

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Alumax Mill Products, Inc.

Project Description: Alumax has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ000274200 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 152,000 gallons per day. The facility is located at 300 Alumax Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to a drainage ditch; thence to an unnamed tributary; thence to Wagner Creek; thence to Days Creek.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of Alumax, which is an aluminum production plant. This facility has been in operation for approximately 28 years and all guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. The vast majority of the treated wastewater discharged from this site is considered "non-contact" water, which has been passed through cooling towers within the facility. Before being discharged, the water passes through two particulate filters, as well as a carbon filter to remove any contaminants.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which employs approximately 300 citizens who produce high quality aluminum to be used for a variety of purposes. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the Alumax Mill Products.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ000274200, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR ALUMAX MILL PRODUCTS, INC. TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 152,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 300 ALUMAX DRIVE, TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS. DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO A DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY; THENCE TO WAGNER CREEK; THENCE TO DAYS CREEK.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20161017-0001-05

Date Received: 10-17-16

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: The City of Bloomburg, Cass County, Texas

Project Description: The City of Bloomburg has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013930001 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 90,000 gallons per day. The facility is located 650 feet south of the intersection of Cypress Street and Pennock Avenue in Cass County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to State Line Creek in segment No. 0400 of the Cypress Creek Basin in Texas.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: The City of Bloomburg, Cass County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves all residents within the City of Bloomburg. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped into sedimentation ponds located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens located within the City of Bloomburg. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Bloomburg.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0013930001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMBURG, CASS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 90,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED 650 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF CYPRESS STREET AND PENNOCK AVENUE IN CASS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO STATE LINE CREEK IN SEGMENT NO. 0400 OF THE CYPRESS CREEK BASIN IN TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No: TX-R-20161006-0003-05	Date Received: 10-06-16	Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson								
Applicant: Detroit Independent School District Head Start										
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proposed Activity: Continue to provide Project Head Start for 54 three and four year olds.

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$ 947,771.00	Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	236,943.00	Cash and In-kind
Other		
Total	\$ 1,184,714.00	

Personnel Required:
Program Director, PFCE Coordinator, System/Nutrition/Transportation Coordinator, 2 Health/Mental Health/Disability Coordinators, Center Director/Education/Transition Coordinator, Parent/Family/Community Engagement Coordinator, Center Assistant/Nutrition/Transportation and Translator, Business Manager, Transportation Director, 8 Teachers, 5 Assistants, Cook/Custodian

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Cities of Detroit and Clarksville

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Application approved by the Red River County Head Start Policy Council and Detroit ISD Board of Trustees.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
The Detroit Head Start Program oversees the centers in Detroit and Clarksville. The rate of Economically Disadvantaged Children enrolled in Clarksville is over 90% and 72% in Detroit. Red River County has a workforce of 4,797 of which 6.3% are unemployed. The region's population is 12,446 with an estimated poverty level of 16.1% according to census data in 2014. Data further reflects that only 30% of 3 and 4 year olds in the county are enrolled in school.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?

No

Are the project's goals identified, specific, measurable, and achievable?

Yes.

Detroit ISD Head Start provides Head Start Centers on both the Detroit ISD and Clarksville ISD campuses. This grant will fund year 2 of the Head Start 5-year plan to enable tracking progress on long range goals, objectives, and program impacts. Long range goals are: Outcomes for children and families, Program and fiscal management systems, oversight, and accountability, enhanced community involvement and resources, and Unique community and organizational goals. Each of these have objectives and strategies to meet their goals.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes.

There are no major changes to be made to the design, implementation, and objectives. Components include administration, education, health, mental health, social services, parent involvement, and disabilities.

Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?

Yes.

The Head Start program services 132 young children and families in the cities of Detroit and Clarksville. There is a strong partnership from both ISD's as well as the Red River County Head Start Policy Council. They encourage parental and community participation and input. They have incorporated systems to ensure consistency between both centers.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested? (Cost / Benefit Analysis)

Yes.

Costs appear to be reasonable. Costs include: Personnel - \$621,767; Fringe Benefits - \$175,477; Travel - \$5,063; Supplies - \$36,405; Contractual - \$12,960; Other - \$96,119 to include, utilities, telephone, building and child liability insurance, building maintenance/repair and other occupancy, nutrition services, child services consultants, substitutes, parent services, publications/advertising/printing, training or staff development, and Insurance.

Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?

Yes.

The program has been in operation for since 1993. Currently, Head Start serves 132 students in two centers. They maintain successful program operations by hiring degreed/certified teachers and qualified, experienced management staff.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends a favorable review.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY DETROIT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF HEAD START, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$947,771.00, TO BE MATCHED WITH \$236,943.00 CASH AND IN-KIND, FOR CONTINUATION /REFUNDING OF HEAD START.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Detroit Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$947,771.00, to be matched with \$236,943.00 cash and in-kind, for continuation/refunding of Head Start has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER - ACTION ITEM

ITEM 8:

Review and consider approval of changes to bylaws of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

BACKGROUND:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has approved revisions to the bylaws to include language which would allow meetings to be held electronically via teleconference or webinar for the purposes of reaching a quorum and increasing the number of members who can participate in the meetings, in Section 1 of Article 5 entitled "Meetings". However, these changes will not become official until the ATCOG Board of Directors also approves them.

DISCUSSION:

The current bylaws state that the committee shall meet at least annually on a date and at a time and place designated by the Chairperson, subject to the following: A) The committee shall meet more often as required to conduct necessary business. B) A meeting of the committee may be called at the request of at least 20% of the membership. The new language will allow members to remotely participate in a meeting in the event that they cannot physically attend.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of this amendment to the SWAC bylaws.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS OF THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW MEETINGS TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA TELECONFERENCE OR WEBINAR FOR THE PURPOSES OF REACHING A QUORUM AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS, IN SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 5 ENTITLED "MEETINGS".

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This amendment to the bylaws of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has been accepted by the SWAC at the meeting on October 13, 2016.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned change is desirable and needed for continued representation and management of pass-through grant implementation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) throughout the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER – ACTION ITEM

ITEM 9:

Review and approve adoption of a risk-based formula as the method for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds to jurisdictions as well as revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws to reflect the risk-based formula method.

BACKGROUND:

The ATCOG HSAC, with Board approval, has allocated funds to jurisdictions in many different ways since the inception of the SHSP in 2003 including the use of scoresheets and discussions. The process of deciding allocations has been subjective rather than objective. A few years ago, the State began emphasizing that the processes COGs use to allocate SHSP funds to jurisdictions should be based on risks and that projects should be focused on terrorism planning, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery that support the identified risks in the region. To date, the State is not requiring COGs to adopt a formula or any other particular method for fund allocations, but adopting a risk-based formula means ATCOG's allocation process would be factual, objectives and in line with the State's principles.

DISCUSSION:

The ATCOG HSAC met on October 11, 2016, and discussed and approved the use of the following risk-based formula as the method for allocating SHSP funds throughout the region.

Allocation amount (\$) = (50% x Risk) + (50% x Population), where Risk = P+V+C.

P = Probability/Impact

Probability is number of severe natural and human caused events in the past 10 years. Natural events are weighted based on the severity of the loss and damage to the jurisdiction while human caused events are weighted by total number of criminal offenses (Unified Crime Report Data) registered in the past 10 years.

V = Vulnerability

The social vulnerability index is used to determine the vulnerability. This vulnerability is based on social, economic, demographic, and housing characteristics that influence a community's ability to cope with, recover from, and adapt to disruptive events.

C = Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources

Locally identified Critical Infrastructure that fit regionally defined definitions. Failure of these critical infrastructures may be hazardous to the local and regional population, the economy, even national security.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the HSAC recommend approval of the adoption of the formula as well as revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee bylaws.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW, APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT AND HAZARD IDENTIFICATION RISK ASSESSMENT, STATE PREPAREDNESS REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2017.

WHEREAS, these documents align with and support the intent of the general homeland security strategy for the State established by the Governor in the *Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan*. These documents are for fiscal year 2017, and mirrors the guidelines and goals of the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan.

WHEREAS, these documents ensure that the Ark-Tex Council of Governments is fully integrated into the State of Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan, and has identified the resources necessary to achieve homeland security preparedness goals for fiscal year 2017.

WHEREAS, these documents do not replace any existing Regional Plans, Mutual Aid Agreements or strategies. Rather, they incorporate those existing plans, agreements and strategies. Also, these documents do not preclude the use or activation of any existing plans or agreements that an individual county may have with an entity that is outside the boundaries of the ATCOG.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the purpose of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, State Preparedness Report and Implementation Plan is to set forth our homeland security preparedness and identify time, funds, equipment, organization, planning, training, and exercises required to implement the plan.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned documents are representative of the entire region.

REVIEWED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2016.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER – ACTION ITEM

ITEM 10:

Review and approve adoption of a risk-based formula as the method for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds to jurisdictions as well as revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws to reflect the risk-based formula method.

BACKGROUND:

The ATCOG HSAC, with Board approval, has allocated funds to jurisdictions in many different ways since the inception of the SHSP in 2003 including the use of scoresheets and discussions. The process of deciding allocations has been subjective rather than objective. A few years ago, the State began emphasizing that the processes COGs use to allocate SHSP funds to jurisdictions should be based on risks and that projects should be focused on terrorism planning, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery that support the identified risks in the region. To date, the State is not requiring COGs to adopt a formula or any other particular method for fund allocations, but adopting a risk-based formula means ATCOG's allocation process would be factual, objectives and in line with the State's principles.

DISCUSSION:

The ATCOG HSAC met on October 11, 2016, and discussed and approved the use of the following risk-based formula as the method for allocating SHSP funds throughout the region.

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The social vulnerability index is used to determine the vulnerability. This vulnerability is based on social, economic, demographic, and housing characteristics that influence a community's ability to cope with, recover from, and adapt to disruptive events.

C = Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources

Locally identified Critical Infrastructure that fit regionally defined definitions. Failure of these critical infrastructures may be hazardous to the local and regional population, the economy, even national security.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the HSAC recommend approval of the adoption of the formula as well as revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee bylaws.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT A RISK-BASED FORMULA AS THE METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FUNDS TO JURISDICTIONS AS WELL AS REVISIONS TO THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS TO REFLECT THE RISK-BASED FORMULA METHOD.

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) is an advisory subcommittee of the ATCOG Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the committee regulate committee affairs and the behavior of its members;

WHEREAS, the formula is risk-based and is weighted as follows: (50% x Risk) + (50% x Population), where Risk = Probability + Vulnerability + Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors has adopted a risk-based formula as the method for allocating funds and has approved the HSAC bylaw revisions as shown on the attachment; and

Section 2 - That all other previous bylaws adopted by the ATCOG Board of Directors are now null and void.

REVIEWED THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2016.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Population as a Percentage of Total Applicants

Jurisdiction	TOTAL	TOTAL
Bowie Co	36571	14.74%
Texarkana	36411	14.68%
Cass Co	19565	7.89%
Atlanta	5675	2.29%
Queen City	1476	0.59%
Delta Co	5231	2.11%
Franklin Co	7943	3.20%
Hopkins Co	18183	7.33%
Sulphur Springs	15449	6.23%
Lamar Co	21456	8.65%
Paris	25171	10.15%
Reno	3166	1.28%
Morris Co	7772	3.13%
Red River Co	8422	3.39%
Clarksville	3285	1.32%
Titus Co	16770	6.76%
Mt. Pleasant	15564	6.27%
	248110	100.0%

Risk as a Percentage of Applicants

Jurisdiction	Probability/ Impact	Vulnerability	CIKR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Bowie Co	34	20	215	269	8.23%
Texarkana	23	40	192	255	7.80%
Cass Co	16	20	255	291	8.90%
Atlanta	11	50	70	131	4.01%
Queen City	5	50	45	100	3.06%
Delta Co	12	30	68	110	3.36%
Franklin Co	17	20	140	177	5.41%
Hopkins Co	21	20	223	264	8.07%
Sulphur Springs	15	40	169	224	6.85%
Lamar Co	19	20	177	216	6.61%
Paris	24	40	228	292	8.93%
Reno	8	20	29	57	1.74%
Morris Co	12	40	97	149	4.56%
Red River Co	13	30	133	176	5.38%
Clarksville	7	50	51	108	3.30%
Titus Co	13	30	155	198	6.06%
Mt. Pleasant	16	40	197	253	7.74%
				3270	100.0%

Total Allocation as a Percentage of Applicants

Jurisdiction		50% Risk		50% Population		TOTAL
Bowie Co		8.23%		14.74%		11.48%
Texarkana		7.80%		14.68%		11.24%
Cass Co		8.90%		7.89%		8.39%
Atlanta		4.01%		2.29%		3.15%
Queen City		3.06%		0.59%		1.83%
Delta Co		3.36%		2.11%		2.74%
Franklin Co		5.41%		3.20%		4.31%
Hopkins Co		8.07%		7.33%		7.70%
Sulphur Springs		6.85%		6.23%		6.54%
Lamar Co		6.61%		8.65%		7.63%
Paris		8.93%		10.15%		9.54%
Reno		1.74%		1.28%		1.51%
Morris Co		4.56%		3.13%		3.84%
Red River Co		5.38%		3.39%		4.39%
Clarksville		3.30%		1.32%		2.31%
Titus Co		6.06%		6.76%		6.41%
Mt. Pleasant		7.74%		6.27%		7.01%
						100%

CURRENT VERSION

ARTICLE V – Regional Grant Process

Grant Application Workshop. All grant applicants must attend the Grant Application Workshop in order to be eligible for grant funding.

The grant application workshop will include the following information:

- a. Who can apply and what activities are eligible under each funding opportunity
- b. Requirements for project problem statements with supporting data, goal statement, project activity explanations, current and target output and outcome measures, and budget categories and line items
- c. The project period for each funding opportunity
- d. Applicable rules, regulations, and certifications required
- e. Any prohibitions
- f. Civil rights rules related to applicant employees and projects or activities
- g. State strategies or funding preferences
- h. Local policies and procedures that affect the COG's prioritization process
- i. Due dates for applicants to submit and certify applications

ATCOG Staff Review and HSAC Recommendation for Funding.

ATCOG staff will review the project applications for completeness and for project eligibility. This will include verification of a sub-recipient's eligibility to receive State Homeland Security Program funds as well as whether the expenditures proposed are allowable under federal regulations and guidelines. Project applications will then be submitted to the committee to be discussed and prioritized.

During the review process, applications are prioritized based on several factors such as terrorism risks, current capability levels, and the described investment efforts to reduce existing capability gaps. The committee assesses and determines these factors based on the information provided for the State Preparedness Report, the Regional Implementation Plan (which includes the Regional Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment), results from regional exercises as well as information provided within the project application. The committee considers the effects of a terrorist event in the region and the surrounding populations that will be effected in events such as attacks on critical infrastructure. The HSAC also considers the project's alignment with state and regional priorities, the sustainability of the project, and the regional impact of the project.

Final Project Allocation. Following the committee meeting, the project allocation recommendation will be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors for approval.

Project allocations approved for funding by the ATCOG Board of Directors will be submitted by ATCOG staff to the State by the set deadline. Once ATCOG receives official notification of State approved projects, all applicants will be notified via email within three (3) business days.

CURRENT VERSION

PROPOSED VERSION

ARTICLE V – Regional Grant Process

Grant Application Workshop. All grant applicants must attend the Grant Application Workshop in order to be eligible for grant funding.

The grant application workshop will include the following information:

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- b. Requirements for project problem statements with supporting data, goal statement, project activity explanations, current and target output and outcome measures, and budget categories and line items
- c. The project period for each funding opportunity
- d. Applicable rules, regulations, and certifications required
- e. Any prohibitions
- f. Civil rights rules related to applicant employees and projects or activities
- g. State strategies or funding preferences
- h. Potential jurisdictional funding allocations based on a risk-based funding allocation formula
- i. Local policies and procedures that affect the COG's prioritization process
- j. Due dates for applicants to submit and certify applications

ATCOG Staff Review and HSAC Recommendation for Funding.

Once all applications are received, the applications are reviewed by the ATCOG staff to ensure completion and that all requested items are allowable. The HSAC reviews the projects to ensure all projects are in line with regional priorities (if applicable).

Applications are then prioritized via ballot based on several factors such as terrorism risks, current capability levels, and the described investment efforts to reduce existing capability gaps as described in the State Preparedness Report and the Regional Implementation Plan (which includes the Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment). Each HSAC member has plans and reports in possession and may bring these documents to the meeting for reference, but are not required. The committee's involvement provides an overarching knowledge of each jurisdiction within the region, which guides and aids the HSAC during the prioritization of projects. Since all projects must be scalable, in the event the final regional allocation is reduced, all projects will be reduced proportionately. Any representative from the agency applying is prohibited from including his or her agency's project in the prioritization due to the conflict of interest policy in ATCOG's HSAC bylaws.

Final Project Allocation. Following the committee meeting, the project allocation recommendation will be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors for approval.

Project allocations approved for funding by the ATCOG Board of Directors will be submitted by ATCOG staff to the State by the set deadline. Once ATCOG receives official notification of State approved projects, all applicants will be notified via email within three (3) business days.

PROPOSED VERSION

**COMMISSION ON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

THE AUTHORITY ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IN TEXAS

333 Guadalupe Street * Suite 2-212 * Austin * Texas 78701-3942

October 4, 2016

Mr. Chris Brown
Executive Director
Ark-Tex Council of Governments
P.O. Box 5307
Texarkana, TX 75505-5307

RE: Strategic Plan Amendment Request # Ark-Tex.17.01 – Commission Action -

Dear Mr. Brown:

As outlined in the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) Program Policy Statement 008, *Plan Amendments*, the above referenced 9-1-1 Strategic Plan amendment was presented to the Commission for consideration. The Commission voted to approve the plan amendment as recommended by CSEC staff.

Enclosed are revised Method of Finance attachments to the CSEC contract as applicable. Retain one original for your files and return one signed original via overnight delivery within 10 days to CSEC Attn: Contract Administrator. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 512-305-6938.

Sincerely,

Kelli Merriweather
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Mary Beth Rudel, Public Safety Manager/Ark-Tex Council of Governments
Ms. Linda Moore, Financial Manager/Ark-Tex Council of Governments
Ms. Julie Warton, Chief Accountant/CSEC

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT "A" - Method of Finance
FY 2016-2017 RECIPIENT 9-1-1 COSTS SUMMARY
Summary Costs Approved for Allocation for the: Ark-Tex Council of Governments

Regional Planning Commisson 9-1-1 Program Budget	Appropriation Year 2016				Appropriation Year 2017			
	Strategy 1 - Network Operations & Equip. Replacement			Totals	Strategy 1 - Network Operations & Equip. Replacement			Totals
	Program	Administration	Equipment Replacement		Program	Administration	Equipment Replacement	
Original Budget	\$2,142,267	\$127,939	\$110,000	\$2,380,206	\$2,058,029	\$131,719	\$175,000	\$2,364,748
February 10, 2016 Revisions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
June 29, 2016 Revisions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
September 28, 2016 Revisions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$77,675	\$0	\$0	\$77,675
	\$2,142,267	\$127,939	\$110,000	\$2,380,206	\$2,135,704	\$131,719	\$175,000	\$2,442,423

Method of Finance	Strategy 1 - Network	Strategy 1 - Equipment	Totals		Strategy 1 - Network	Strategy 1 - Equipment	Totals
Appropriated Service Fees	\$2,270,206	\$110,000	\$2,380,206		\$2,267,423	\$175,000	\$2,442,423
Total Service Fee Method of Finance	\$2,270,206	\$110,000	\$2,380,206		\$2,267,423	\$175,000	\$2,442,423
Appropriated Equalization Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Surcharge Method of Finance	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Method of Finance	\$2,270,206	\$110,000	\$2,380,206		\$2,267,423	\$175,000	\$2,442,423

With my signature below, I agree to and acknowledge the Approved Budget limits described as the "Current Approved Budget" shown for each Appropriation Year above.


 Kelli Merrweather, Executive Director - CSEC

10/4/16
 Date


 Chris Brown, Executive Director - Ark-Tex

10/16/2016
 Date

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)
Regional Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

The Ark-Tex Council of governments (ATCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Regional Advisory Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at Titus Medical Plaza in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Jane Helberg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Jenny Butler, AAA Administrative Assistant, called roll. Regional Advisory Council members present were as follows:

Pat Dorrough, General Public Representative
Jane Helberg, Private Sector
Ken Kunkel, Veteran's Administration
Paul Lindsey, Titus County Representative
Linda Strickland, Morris County Representative
Grover Godfrey, Bowie County Representative
Paul Lindsey, Titus County Representative
Judge Lynda Munkres, Elected Official – Morris County

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Pat Dorrough to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016, meeting. Motion was seconded by Grover Godfrey. All members present were in favor.

Appointing/Nominated new Council Members

Lisa Reeve introduced herself as the new AAA Manager. She then presented to the members individuals that were interested in filling vacant positions on the Council. The vacant positions were representatives for the Title III Service Provider and Lamar County, with a possible position transfer from General Public to Red River County. The members agreed that they would make one motion that would include all the positions being considered instead of motions for each position. Nominations were as follows: Eden Leach, Executive Director at Senior Citizens Services, to be the representative for Title III Service Provider; Bill Collins, prior Title III Service Provider representative, would be the Lamar County representative; Shelly Braziel, Executive Director at Lamar County Human Resources, to be the General Public representative; and Pat Dorrough, currently General Public would then become the representative for Red River County. Ken Kunkel motioned for all nominations, Grover Godfrey seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. It was then explained that these nominations would go to the ATCOG Board Members for final approval.

Health and Human Services Commission Change

Lisa Reeve explained that as of September 1, 2016 the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is now a part of Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Regulatory and the Ombudsman program will remain under DADS until September 2017. Lisa also passed out the proposed budget information the AAA had received August 31, 2016. It shows \$16,000 less this year than last year but these figures are subject to change over the next coming months. Lisa mentioned the financial specialist for the AAA, Debra Newton, and how hard she works to ensure the AAA funding is allocated properly. She explained it can be difficult to manage so many funding sources but that Debra does a fantastic job ensuring finances are on track for each program. Lisa reported that the Assisted Living Funds (ALF) were not fully expended last year and less is shown on the budget proposal. More oversight is needed for the Assisted Living facilities due to less regulation requirements. Lisa assured the state ombudsman funds will be expended in FY2017.

Rhonda Rogers, TSHL, asked if more money could be received throughout the year. Lisa stated the transition of DADS to HHSC is more of a name change in how it affects the AAA due to AAA's being relatively small and they are protected by the Older American's Act. There is a possibility of receiving more funds throughout the year. Jane Helberg, Private Provider, stated that home health's funding has changed. That based on population numbers she could receive more money for services in the Dallas area than the Texarkana area. She stated that the numbers are skewed because they are overall numbers and not based on more specific parameters. Rhonda Rogers asked if the AAA funding would hurt the home delivered meal program and if more fundraising would be needed. At this time the AAA feels confident that the meal funds are in good shape. The AAA home delivered meal program is currently doing well.

Lisa Reeve stated that attached to the budget handouts are letters that Sue Fielder with DADS asked the AAA to distribute. They are from the Surgeon General's office asking for change in providing opioids. He believes that pain management using opioids has created more of an epidemic in patients becoming addicted to prescription pain medications. This has increased the numbers of overdose deaths related to these drugs. The letter asked for commitment from health care providers to help address this issue and turn it around. Jane Helberg was concerned the information the letter is based on was skewed because the study didn't separate the senior population. Ken Kunkel stated that at his Tuesday night program they talk about cutting back on prescription pain medications.

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D

Wendi Harper, AAA Benefits Counselor, discussed the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment October 7th through December 7, 2016. She explained that she does Legal Awareness where she speaks with groups to help educate on benefits. Also Legal Assistance, which is helping individuals apply for Medicare Savings Programs, Low Income Subsidy, among others. She helps clients look at their Medicare prescription plans to see if anything could be changing for the next year that would affect the client out of pocket costs. She can also see if there could be another plan available that would be more beneficial to the client. This is done online through

Medicare.gov and Wendi can enroll the client in a plan. Wendi distributed folders with flyers and brochures to each member present that included information on all the assistance she provides as well as flyers for Medicare Part D. Wendi asked for input from the members on suggestions for meeting places in Mount Pleasant. Paul Lindsey stated the library or the Luminant building would be good options. Pat Dorrrough mentioned The Hub in Clarksville for a meeting place as well.

Bus Stop Shelters Grant

Lisa Reeve stated she has applied for a grant that would provide bus shelters at the bus stops in front of nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Texarkana. She asked for \$48,000 for 6 shelters and the City of Texarkana has agreed to provide the concrete slabs for the shelters. Some programs have already agreed to advertise on the shelters. That money would go back into the program to buy more shelters in Paris for the new Paris Metro bus route. Lisa Reeve will update if approved or denied.

Announcements

Rhonda Rogers with Texas Silver Haired Legislator stated she attended a meeting in April in Austin, TX. They developed top issues and passed resolutions. State Representative Van Deaver's office is working with legislators to get bills passed specific to seniors needs. She also passed out the new TSHL Directory. Rhonda is also now on the TSHL Executive Committee as the Comptroller. She stated she is continuing to work on getting new members to join the TSHL in the region. All of the members in the AAA region can be "at large" and represent the entire region instead of specific counties.

Stephanie Williams with Adult Protective Services, who joined the meeting as a potential representative, stated that she covers 23 counties including the Ark-Tex AAA region. October is Financial Exploitation Awareness month.

Ken Kunkel stated that he is seeing walk ins from 9:00am – 11:00am and from 1:00pm – 3:00pm which has helped get him catch up on appointments. He has seen veterans from 17 states and the Cayman Islands with a few out of Arkansas.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Grover Godfrey and seconded by Ken Kunkel. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 pm

The next RAC meeting is December 1, 2016.

Jane Helberg, Chairperson

Attest

Staff Present

Lisa Reeve

Jenny Butler

Wendi Harper

Guests Present

Stephanie Williams