AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 30, 2018, at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.


Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the joint North East Texas Rural Planning Organization Committee Meeting and the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Executive Closed Session

Item 5. The Executive Committee will recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session to discuss personnel matters as allowed in the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; annual evaluation of the Executive Director.

Open Session/Review and Comment

Item 6. The Executive Committee will reconvene in Open Session and take action on Item 5 above, as necessary. (To be presented by Board Vice-President, Judge M.C. Superville, Jr.)

Item 7. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Federal Operating Permit by Alumax Mill Products – Texarkana to authorize the operation of a secondary smelting and alloying aluminum facility located at 300 Alumax Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. (See page 7 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 8. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewals by the following: (see page 9 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

a) U.S. Department of the Army to authorize continued operation of the Red River Army Depot located at 100 James Carlow Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas.

b) Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to authorize an increase in emissions of particulate matter at the Welsh Power Plant located at 1187 County Road 4865, Pittsburg, Titus County, Texas.

Regular Business

Item 9. Review and consider nominations filling two vacancies to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) to serve through December 31, 2019. (See page 13 - to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Item 10. Discussion of FY 2019 Draft Budget. (Handouts to be provided at meeting – to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Other Business

Item 11. Executive Director Report (For information only - see page 14) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
Announcements

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Morris County Courthouse Annex in Daingerfield, Texas.

There will also be a Budget Committee meeting held prior to the Board of Directors Meeting in the same location.
The North East Texas Rural Planning Organization and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the Titus County Extension Office in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

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


Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves.

**Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Agenda Items**

Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for discussion/possible action appointment of Officers and new meeting format. He reminded the Board of the RPO Board member requirements and recommended Officer positions mirror the ATCOG Board.

Motion to approve was made by M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County, and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. The item was approved.

Item 5. The next item was to approve the minutes as submitted of the North East Texas Rural Planning Organization held Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County, and seconded by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County. It was approved.

Item 6. Judge Superville presented for consideration approval of a Resolution of the complete widening of US Highways 82 and 271 in Lamar and Red River Counties. He recognized Dan Perry, Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), who gave an in-depth explanation of how TxDOT would gather the information needed to add this project to the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) and the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and how it would progress. He stated resolutions, letters from the public and the like would help tremendously. Ultimately, widening these highways will improve traffic flow and bring development to the communities. Don Walls, a former Lamar County resident with an extensive transportation background, presented a letter of support and requested signatures, after which, he would collect and personally send to TxDOT. Mark Frances, Mayor, City of Deport, addressed the Board expressing his support for the project, explaining the huge impact it would have on rural community growth. Judge Williamson asked Reece DeWoody, Deputy Regional Director, Senator John Cornyn, what steps to take to get support from the Senator. Mr. DeWoody explained a letter requesting support outlining the project in question would need to be sent to the office, along with a support resolution, then they could send a support letter.

Motion to approve this Resolution was made by Judge Superville and seconded by Judge Munkres. Judge Williamson asked each Board member to make copies of the Support letter that was passed out and have constituents sign them. There was also brief discussion and clarification regarding super two highways versus a four-lane highway.

Item 7. Mr. Brown announced the third annual Northeast Texas Rural Transportation Summit would be held on November 1, 2018. Sponsorship letters and invitations will be going out in the near future. He stated if there were any suggestions for discussion topics, please get with him or Roger Feagley with the Sulphur Springs Economic Development Center, who is the host for the Summit.
Announcements

Mr. Brown announced the I-30 East Texas Corridor Study Executive Summary and Master Plan are now available on the TxDOT website.

Executive Committee Agenda Items

Item 8. At this time, Judge Williamson asked for approval of the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting, held on Thursday, May 31, 2018, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Judge Wilbanks. They were approved.

Item 9. Judge Williamson presented for review approval of a Resolution in support of the complete widening to four lanes US Highway 271 and US Highway 82 in Lamar and Red River Counties.

Motion to approve, with the addition of approving the Executive Director to reach out to local government entities asking for support as well, was made by Judge Superville and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Item 10. Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, presented for consideration an application by Central Arkansas Development Council to the Department of Health and Human Services, for a Community Services Block Grant in the amount of $2,648,254 for support programs for low income Arkansas residents.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 11. Ms. Thurston presented for consideration 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 $24,443, to be matched with $6,110 in-kind, to provide a COLA to Head Start staff.

Motion to approve was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 12. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by West Fraser Wood Products to authorize the modification of the lumber mill located at 1345 US Highway East, New Boston, Bowie County, Texas.

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

Item 14. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by U.S. Tubular Steel Products, Inc. to authorize a major amendment to reduce testing frequencies and remove Outfalls 004, 005, and 102, and the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 6866 U.S. Highway 259 South, Lone Star, Morris County, Texas.

Motion to approve both items was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Mayor Rushing. Both were approved.

Item 15. Mr. Brown presented for information only the Executive Director Report, which included the following:

- Indirect Finance Reports – there were no significant changes to the Indirect Finance; these reports were for transparency and information only.
Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting minutes; for review and information only.

TxDOT County Road Inventory Form – Mr. Brown explained TxDOT is requesting this information to upgrade their system to an electronic version. Since ATCOG will need to submit their mapping data to TxDOT, the counties can elect ATCOG as their designated 3rd party to update roads for them and send them with the mapping data and aerial images.

Announcements

Judge Williamson announced the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Titus County Extension Office in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Ms. Thurston announced NADO registration is open and will be held October 13 – 16, 2018. She asked for anyone interested in attending to please contact her for reservations.

Mr. Brown announced the upcoming Northeast Texas Regional Alliance will be held February 26 – 28, 2019 in Austin. More information will be announced as the date get closer.

There were no other announcements, so the meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Stan Wyatt, Northeast Texas MWD
Tim Walsworth, Councilman, City of Roxton

GUESTS PRESENT
Reece DeWoody, Office of Senator John Cornyn
Robbin Bass, Office of Congressman John Ratcliff
Mark Frances, Mayor, City of Deport
Deanne Simmons, P.E., TxDOT – Atlanta District
Katie Martin, TxDOT – Atlanta District
Dan Perry, P.E., TxDOT – Paris District
Doyce Winchester, Texas Department of Emergency Management
Randy Reed, Workforce Solutions of Northeast Texas
April Corbit, Workforce Solutions of Northeast Texas
KiAnn Richardson, Workforce Solutions of Northeast Texas
Susan Thorne, Member of the Public

STAFF PRESENT
Chris Brown, Executive Director
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Manager
Melinda Tickle, Finance Manager
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Manager
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator

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

ATTEST:

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### Project SAI No: TX-R-20180810-0001-05

**Date Received:** 08-10-18  
**Staff Assignment:** Paul Prange

**Applicant:** Alumax Mill Products, Inc.

### Project Description:
Alumax has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Federal Operating Permit No. 01413 to authorize operation of the Alumax Mill Products – Texarkana, a Secondary Smelting and Alloying of Aluminum facility. 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. The purpose of this federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined by Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.10.

### 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 Federal Operating Permit to allow the continued operation of Alumax, which is an aluminum production plant. This facility has been in operation for approximately 30 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 authorize Alumax Mill Products to continue operations by improving overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control.

**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 provides employment to 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. EC18-037

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT NO. 01413, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR ALUMAX MILL PRODUCTS, INC. TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION OF THE ALUMAX MILL PRODUCTS – TEXARKANA, A SECONDARY SMELTING AND ALLOYING OF ALUMINUM FACILITY. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 300 ALUMAX DRIVE, TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT IS TO IMPROVE OVERALL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES GOVERNING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BY CLEARLY LISTING ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 30 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 122.10.

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 therefrom.

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 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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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-20180801-0001-05  Date Received: 07-26-18  Staff Assignment: Paul Prange

Applicant: U. S. Department of the Army

Project Description: This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 39616, which would authorize the continued operation of the Red River Army Depot located at 100 James Carlow Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns and 2.5 microns or less, and organic compounds.

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? 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 continued operation of this facility which produces military vehicles and operates approximately fifty paint booths. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of the Air Quality Permit will not result in an unsafe increase in allowable emissions. High efficiency filters capture 99% of the contaminants before being released from smoke stacks to be dissipated into the surrounding air.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will authorize the continued operation of the paint booths, with each having the capacity to paint up to four vehicles per hour. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the positive benefits to the citizens, especially our armed services personnel.

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

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application for the U. S. Department of the Army.
RESOLUTION NO. EC18-038

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 39616, BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, TO AUTHORIZ THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT LOCATED AT 100 JAMES CARLOW DRIVE, TEXARKANA, BOWIE 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 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

| Project SAI No: TX-R-20180802-0001-05 | Date Received: 08-12-2018 | Staff Assignment: Paul Prange |

**Applicant:** Southwestern Electric Power Company.

**Project Description:** Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for amendment of Air Quality Permit No. 4381, which would authorize an increase in emissions of particulate matter at the Welsh Power Plant. The plant is located at 1187 CR 4865 in Pittsburg, Titus County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter with diameters of 10 and 2.5 microns or less.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Pittsburg, 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 the amendment of this Air Quality Permit to allow the operation of this plant. 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 amendment of this permit will not produce any significant adverse effects on the environment.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?** Yes. The amendment of this permit will allow the continued operation of this plant, which serves as a source of electrical power for our region. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

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

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this Air Quality Permit amendment application by Southwestern Electric Power Company.
RESOLUTION NO. EC18-039

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 4381, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF EMISSIONS AT THE WELSH POWER PLANT. THE PLANT IS LOCATED AT 1187 CR 4865 IN PITTSBURG, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE EXISTING FACILITY IS AUTHORIZED TO EMIT THE FOLLOWING AIR CONTAMINANTS: PARTICULATE MATTER WITH DIAMETERS OF 10 AND 2.5 MICRONS OR LESS.

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 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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

ATTEST:
ITEM 9:

Review and consider nominations (filling two vacancies), to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) to serve through December 31, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

A vacancy exists on the RCJAC Regional membership list (nominated by the ATCOG Criminal Justice staff) for Cass County. ATCOG staff has nominated Harold Martin to represent Cass County in the category of “Concerned Citizen”. He would be replacing Rip Benefield, who recently passed away.

A vacancy also exists on the RCJAC Regional membership list (nominated by the ATCOG Criminal Justice staff) for Red River County. ATCOG staff has nominated Quintin Wallace to represent Red River County in the category of “Law Enforcement”. He would be replacing Leah Thomas, who will be relocating to another county.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Martin is currently the Mayor of Queen City and has been since 2005. He was previously at AEP (Swepco) and retired after more than 43 years of experience.

Chief Wallace was previously with the Red River County Sheriff’s Office and is now serving as Chief of Police at Avery ISD PD.

Both are very eager to serve on our regional committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the appointments of Harold Martin and Quintin Wallace to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee through December 31, 2019.
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The meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee was called to order by Randy Tuttle, Vice Chairperson, at 10:01 a.m., August 16, 2018, at Titus Regional Medical Center Medical Plaza Wellness Center Conference Room in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

The minutes from Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting held on May 24, 2018 were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve was made by Monty Hobbs and seconded by Robin Betts. Motion passed by majority vote.

Whitney Fezell updated the committee concerning Homeland Security updates. Whitney Fezell informed the committee of the FY17 grants that were closed out as well as the deadline to make purchases and close the remaining grants. The committee was also updated on the decrease in state and federal funding. Whitney Fezell explained to the committee how the decreased affected the ATCOG region. The committee was notified of the regional allocation of $230,000 as well as the 3-year trend amount of $280,000. The committee was also informed that notifications has been sent out by the Office of the Governor to adjust budgets and line items to reflect the new conditionally approved amount.

Whitney Fezell updated the committee regarding the soft targets and special events conference call held this week. The committee was informed about the weighing of soft targets on our regional allocation. Information was given to the committee regarding how to collect data, who the data must go to, and what defines soft targets.

Whitney Fezell advised the committee that the risk data for our region was undergoing review and that all County EMCs will need to turn in their Tier II reports to have the most recent data updated.

Next non-voting item is board approval received for use of risk formula for FY2019 allocations. Whitney Fezell advised the committee that the ATCOG Board of Directors has approved the use of the allocation formula for FY2019. The committee was also notified of issues grantees was facing regarding paperwork and programmatic items associated with grant funding. Whitney Fezell introduced the idea of alternating funding years when applying for HSGD grant funds. It was mentioned that it will reduce paperwork and allow each jurisdiction to receive more funds in order to make larger purchases. The committee was presented with 3 different funding options. Options showed the potential dollar amount each jurisdiction would receive it funding years where alternating.
Next non-voting item is a communication exercise recap. Whitney Fezell advised the committee that the communication exercise did not go well this year. There were 3-4 counties that did not participate. Whitney Fezell informed the committee that we may schedule the exercise next year and attend each one to ensure that each counties participates and benefits from the exercise. The committee was also informed that they can still submit their exercise if they would like it to be included in the regional After Action Report.

Randy Tuttle introduced a new HSAC member to the committee, Tanner Crump for Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office.

Next non-voting item is to discuss updates regarding NETPC. Whitney Fezell informed the committee of the changes that have been occurring with the NETPC group. It was mentioned that several members wanted to create an additional preparedness group to address the needs of first responders, EMC, PD, and fire in our region. The committee was informed that the group meetings will be held directly after our HSAC meetings to cut down on travel. Whitney Fezell also encourage the committee to still engage, participate, and support the NETPC as they are part of the RAC.

The first voting item on the agenda was to discuss and approve the participation requirement for HSAC members as well as the eligibility of grant funding. The committee discussed participation requirements as well as the use of a proxy member. The committee has issues with the item due to not applicants would be fairly represented. Discussion was made for the County representatives to represent municipals that are not part of the committee. It was also discussed for all grant applicants to have membership on the committee and represent themselves. The committee discussed amounts of grant funding that would be lost if representatives did not attend the HSAC meetings. Jason Ricketson made a motion to table this item, motion was seconded by Larry McRae and approved by majority.

The Next voting item was the formation of a subcommittee to advise and review the ATCOG region’s SPR, THIRA, and IP. Whitney Fezell explained the significance of these documents to the committee as well as what the subcommittee is required to do. Randy Tuttle, Quincy Blount, Tracey Litton/Eric Schlotter, Tanner Crump, Andy Endsley, Danny Richard, and John Nichols volunteered to be part of the subcommittee. Motion was made by Larry McRae to accept the member to represent the subcommittee for the THIRA, SPR, and IP process. Quincy Blount seconded the motion, motion approved by majority.

Randy Tuttle opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Randy Tuttle announced that the next scheduled meeting will be November 15, 2018 at 10am at TRMC.
**Randy Tuttle** announced that the next COG repeater test will be Tuesday September 4th at 9am.

**John Nichols** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by **Jason Ricketson**, and approved by a majority vote.

**ATTENDING:**

Monty Hobbs – EMC, Delta County  
Tracey Litton – City of Texarkana EOM  
Quincy Blount – Lamar County EMC  
Tanner Crump- Hopkins County Sherriff's Office  
Larry McRae – EMC, Titus County  
Randy Tuttle – EMC, City of Paris  
Whitney Fezell – ATCOG Homeland Security Coordinator  
Danny Richard – VFD, City of Daingerfield  
Jason Ricketson – EMC, City of Sulphur Springs  
Robin Betts- City of Atlanta EMC  
Becky Wilbanks- Cass County Judge  
Andy Endsley- EMC Hopkins County  
John Nichols- EMC Bowie County  
Calvin Nicholson-DSHS  
David Wood-DSHS

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