

Land of Sky Regional Council  
March 29, 2017  
Regular Meeting



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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Modification and Approval of Agenda
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Recognition of Special Guests
- VIII. Chairman's Comments and Roundtable
- IX. Approval of Minutes from the February Regular Meeting
- X. Consideration and Approval of Consent Agenda Items
  - A. January FY2017 Treasurer's Report
- XI. Presentations/Recognition
  - A. Broadband Infrastructure in the LOSRC Region – Hunter Goosmann, Executive Director, ERC Broadband
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - A. Election of Officers – Justin Hembree, Executive Director
- XIV. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Federal Legislative Update
- XIV. Important Dates
- XV. Adjournment



## BOARD OF DELEGATES AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** February Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
- Item Number:** IX. Approval of Minutes from the February Regular Meeting
- Responsible Party:** Zia Rifkin, Administrative Services
- Attachment(s):** Minutes from the meeting of February 2017
- Background:** Attached is the February 2017 Board of Delegates meeting minutes
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of the February meeting minutes.
- Suggested Motion(s):** Move to approve the February meeting minutes as submitted

Meeting of  
Land of Sky Regional Council Board of Delegates  
February 22, 2017

Minutes

- I. Call to Order - George Goosmann called the meeting to order at 1:00pm as Chairwoman Mennella was out sick.
- II. Invocation - Charles Dickens gave the invocation.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance - All stood as George Goosmann led the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call – Justin Hembree called the roll. The following members were present: Robert Pressley, Gwen Wisler, George Goosmann, Larry Harris, Charlie Landreth, Bob Davy, Alison Melnikova, John Mitchell, Shelia Norman, George Morosani, Charles Dickens, and Gaylyn Justice. The following guests were present: April Riddle. Justin Hembree announced quorum.
- V. Modification and Approval of Agenda –
- VI. Public Comment – The public comment period opened.
  - I. Recognition of Special Guests – George Goosmann welcomed Robert Pressley, Buncombe County's primary delegate.
  - II. Chairman's Comments and Roundtable – George Goosmann – Shared that the Town of Biltmore Forest has decided to remodel the public works building, which was built in 1929. Replacement of the building would be \$4 million but significantly less expensive to renovate. Bob Davy – Shared that the Town of Fletcher is building an addition to the maintenance facility. Alison Melnikova – Shared that the Town of Laurel Park is working on a new maintenance facility. Shelia Norman – Shared that in Transylvania County, Rise and Shine/Neighbors in Ministry provide an after school program for at-risk youth. Robert Pressley – Shared that Buncombe County met a couple weeks ago with the City of Asheville with the hope of bringing those jurisdictions closer together. Also, the Buncombe Commission met last night and the AB Tech building budget has been put off for two weeks in order to gather more information. The Commissioners also approved the Health and Human Services request for funding to help minorities, etc. Larry Harris – The Town of Black Mountain is excited about the expansion of Avadim and the proposed new interchange at Blue Ridge Road. Gwen Wisler – Shared about the joint meeting with the Buncombe Commission which was productive for both jurisdictions and a foundation for good relations. The Asheville City Council held its annual retreat that confirmed many of the City's priorities that were laid out previously- there is a lot of work to do.
  - III. Approval of Minutes from the January Regular Meeting – George Morosani moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as submitted. Charles Dickens seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.
  - IV. Consideration and Approval of Consent Agenda Items – Gwen Wisler moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Items A. January FY 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented. Charles Dickens seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.
  - V. Presentations/Recognition -
    - A. Mayor's Day 2017 – Ann Whisenhunt, Coordinator for the Senior Companions Program (SCP) shared that she, Stacy Friesland and Carey Shields (MHU intern- Aging/Volunteer Services) for Volunteer Services are promoting Mayor's Day 2017, which recognizes the services provided by volunteers. LOSRC sponsors two Senior Corps National Service programs: Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents and has for decades. Funding for these programs comes from a federal grant under the

Corporation for National and Community Service. The two volunteer programs are funded with over \$650,000 in grants and are extremely cost effective in the impact they provide to communities in the LOSRC region through services to children and older adults. Highlights of the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and the impact the volunteers have in LOSRC jurisdictions include 73 volunteers providing one-on-one assistance to 149 special and exceptional needs children elementary, Head Start programs and non-profit daycare facilities helping them meet their personal and academic goals. The SCP matches volunteers ages 55+ to support older adults able to remain living independently in their homes. This is cost-effective in comparing the cost of assisted living or nursing home facilities, which range from \$3000 to \$6500 per month. In FY16, 82 SCP volunteers assisted 250 clients in the LOSRC region. Another advantage of these National Service Senior Corps volunteer programs is that it engages the volunteers in community solutions; engages them in the social/cultural threads of the community, keeps them active, utilizes their skills and talents and the need to remain useful. The SCP also provides a small financial boost to volunteers' limited incomes with the stipend/mileage reimbursement provided for their services. The Mayors and County Officials Day of Recognition on April 4, 2017 is an initiative led by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties and Cities of Service. Ann Whisenhunt shared that as of the date of this meeting, four representatives from LOSRC have already signed up in support of this- Mayor Manheimer, City of Asheville, Mayor Volk, City of Hendersonville, Commissioner Mike Hawkins and Vice Chairwoman Page Lempel of the Transylvania Commission. She strongly encouraged each of the city and county officials of the four counties to sign up today on the form provided in the agenda packet to show support for the Senior Corps programs that make each of the communities in the LOSRC region a better place to live.

- B. Outreach from NCDOT- Western Regional Office –April Riddle, Deputy Commissioner, shared about what the NC Department of Insurance covers. It is one of the oldest state agencies, created in 1899. The state Insurance Commissioner also serves as the state Fire Marshall. The department regulates the manufactured building industry; licenses bail bond companies and agents and also administers grants to Fire Departments, inspects Fire Departments and provides training for Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel, among other things. Another service offered through NCDOT is Safe Kids events that show the correct way to install car seats, provide 'hot car' demonstrations, etc. Popular with Medicare recipients, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) is provided under the Technical Services Group at NCDOT. April Riddle communicated that anytime questions or issues around insurance come up, DOI has a Consumer Service Division that is always there to help. Contact April Riddle to set up Safe Kid events in the region. The Western Region office for NCDOT is located at 537 College Street, Asheville, NC and the phone number is (828) 318-0250.

VI. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Executive Director's Report –

- A. Nominating Committee – Justin Hembree shared that as per Council's bylaws, the March meeting is the Annual meeting at which officers and Executive Committee members are elected. This process begins with the appointment of a Nominating Committee. So far, Bob Davy and George Goosmann have volunteered and one more delegate is needed. The committee meets by email only. Delegates interested in serving on the nominating committee should contact LOSRC administrative staff. Delegates interested in serving on the Executive Committee may let members of the nominating committee or administrative staff know of their interest. At the March meeting, the Officer's Slate and the nominees for the Executive Committee will be presented for the Board's review and approval.
- B. Executive Committee - Justin Hembree shared that LOSRC's bylaws are purposely organized to set the Executive Committee up to represent diverse interests in the region.

Bob Davy noted that the time commitment to serve on the Executive Committee is only one hour more per month and it provides a lot of information on what LOSRC is doing. He communicated that the

Executive Committee is the group that takes care of the month-to-month business of Council. With more responsibility given to the Executive Committee, delegates have the opportunity to learn from presentations such as the one April Riddle presented today.

- C. March Meeting Location – Justin Hembree reminded delegates that the March meeting (5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday-rescheduled to allow staff to attend the conferences in DC) will be held in Black Mountain (Highland Farms' Assembly Room) and he provided a list of upcoming meetings for the year and the host sites for those. During 2017, the Board will be out in the four counties to meet folks in the communities we serve. He also communicated that the annual BBQ and Open House will be the fourth Wednesday in July as there is no regular board meeting that month.

Vicki Jennings provided information on the Buncombe County Mountain Mobility Riders Guide that each Delegate received with the intention to show the LOSRC community transportation options available through Mountain Mobility for seniors and disabled folks who depend on public transportation. New community service routes are available on the county's public transportation service. Mountain Mobility administrative staff is housed at LOSRC and the county contracts with McDonald Transit to provide the transportation services.

Justin Hembree communicated this is a contractual relationship LOSRC has had with the county for a number of years. Land of Sky can offer this service to other counties, as well.

Justin Hembree shared that the City of Asheville was gracious enough to provide complimentary tickets to the So-Con Tournament for board members, LOSRC staff and volunteers and others interested in attending this very fun event.

Gwen Wisler shared that the City is very thankful that So-Con choose to come back to Asheville.

Larry Harris shared his appreciation for George Goosmann and his leadership over the past 14 years on the Board.

- XV. Important Dates – The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

- XIV. Adjournment – George Goosmann adjourned the meeting with no further business before the Board.



## BOARD OF DELEGATES AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** February FY2017 Treasurer's Report
- Item Number:** X. Consent Agenda, Item A
- Responsible Party:** Vickie Thomas, Finance Director
- Attachment(s):** February FY2017 Treasurer's Report
- Background:** Attached is the February FY2017 Treasurer's Report. The report outlines year-to-date revenues and expenditures. Also included is cash balance informaton, fund balance reporting, and member dues information.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of February's FY2017 Treasurer's Report.
- Suggested Motion(s):** The Treasurer's Report, if not pulled, will be accepted as part of the motion to approve the consent agenda.

**Land of Sky Regional Council  
Treasurer's Report  
February, 2017**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b><u>YTD Report of Receipts &amp; Expenditures</u></b>		
Total Annual Budget	\$ 15,156,906	
Year-to-Date Revenues	\$ 7,477,659	49.33%
Year-to-Date Expenditures	(7,169,830)	47.30%
Grant/Contract Cash Balance	<u>\$ 307,829</u>	
Year-to-Date Target Percent		66.67%

**Cash Balance Report**

Total Cash Balance at beginning of month	\$ 2,222,981
Cash Received during month	1,072,263
Cash Expenditures for month	<u>(971,087)</u>
Total Cash Balance at end of month	<u>\$ 2,324,157</u>

**Fund Balance Report at 6/30/15 (Audited)**

Unassigned	\$ 421,440
Restricted-Stabilized by State Statute	683,850
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,105,290</u>

**Assessments (Dues) Report**

YTD Billed to Member Governments, 3rd quarter	\$ 163,719
Collected to Date	<u>(163,719)</u>
Balance Due	<u>\$ -</u>



## BOARD OF DELEGATES AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** Broadband Infrastructure in the LOSRC Region
- Item Number:** XI. Presentations/Recognition; Item A.
- Responsible Party:** Hunter Goosmann, Executive Director, ERC Broadband
- Attachment(s):**
- Background:** Land of Sky Regional Council is involved in West Next Generation Network (NGN) Broadband, a regional initiative focused on stimulating the deployment of broadband networks in Western North Carolina. The goal of WestNGN is to encourage private sector providers to deliver affordable ultra-fast bandwidth to ensure our region remains competitive and at the forefront of developing the next generation applications essential to all sectors of the economy. The Education and Research Consortium (ERC) is a collaborative partner in the West NGN Broadband initiative.
- Staff Recommendation:** None
- Suggested Motion(s):** None





## BOARD OF DELEGATES AGENDA ITEM

**Subject:** Executive Director's Report

**Item Number:** XIII. Executive Director's Report

**Responsible Party:** Justin Hembree, Executive Director

**Attachment(s):**

**Background:** The following items will be presented as part of the Executive Director's Report:

- A. Federal Legislative Update

**Staff Recommendation:** N/A.

**Suggested Motion(s):** N/A