

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 Minutes — July 23, 2020

The NCTCOG Executive Board met on July 23, 2020, by videoconference. Members of the public were able to view a livestream of the meeting at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. Members of the public wishing to provide comment on an Agenda could do so by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering Access Code 973 0495 7436# when prompted. Following conclusion of the public comment opportunity the audio was disconnected, and individuals were directed to view the livestream.

President Clark called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:06 pm. Mike Eastland took attendance and announced a quorum.

Members of the Board Present:

1. J. D. Clark
2. Ray Smith
3. Curtistene McCowan
4. Kevin Strength
5. Kelly Allen Gray
6. Gary Caplinger
7. Chris Hill
8. Bill Heidemann

9. Clay Jenkins
10. Lee Kleinman
11. Bobbie Mitchell
12. Andrew Piel
13. Tito Rodriguez
14. Richard Stopfer
15. Glen Whitley

Members of the Board Absent:

16. Ken Shetter
17. David Sweet
18. Yvonne Davis

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Stephanie Cecil, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Angela Alcedo, Chris Klaus

REGULAR SESSION**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no one present who requested to speak about an item on the Agenda.

ACTION:**Item 1 Approval of Minutes**

President Clark stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the June Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Minutes of the June Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, presented the Investment Report for management and Executive Board review. The Investment Report provides information on the investment activity for the quarter that ended June 30, 2020 and shows the average rate of return, cumulative transactions, and beginning and ending balances for the quarter. She also provided a supplementary schedule of the State's investment activity for Regional Toll Revenue funds, as well as the NTTA Hwy. 161.

Exhibit: 2020-07-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Mayor Smith), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Strength entered the meeting.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing A Contract with New York Wired for Education, Inc. dba Metrix Learning and Skillsoft Corporation for a Career Pathways Platform (Web Based Education)

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, explained that the contract with New York Wired for Education, Inc. (dba Metrix Learning and Skillsoft Corporation), will provide a Career Pathway Platform for a maximum five-year term and will be available for use as part of NCTCOG's Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Career Pathway Platform is a web-based education platform to enhance the skills and capabilities of jobseekers for gainful employment. Services can be administered from home computers and mobile devices, as well as made available at Workforce Centers in the NCTCOG Region.

Exhibit: 2020-07-03-AA

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Caplinger (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.

Item 4 Resolution Endorsing the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas (TIP) is a staged, multi-year program of projects approved for funding by federal, State, and local sources. The TIP meets the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process required by the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Since the Dallas-Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone, all regionally significant surface transportation improvements within the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area must be inventoried; included in the TIP and in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); be consistent with Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas; and in conformity with the air quality requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The TIP is developed every two years, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), local governments, and transportation agencies. It has been approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

Exhibit: 2020-07-04-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Councilmember Strength), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Local Governments Receiving Funding Under the Incident Management Equipment Purchase 2020 Call for Projects

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that this is an agreement with 16 local governments for Incident Management Equipment, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,242,942 – (\$1,176,402 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and \$66,540 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds). Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) will be used for the local match. Traffic Incident Management is part of the Congestion Management Planning and Operations Program provided for in the in the 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program. This equipment will assist regional partner agencies in purchasing equipment and technology that aids in quick incident clearance and mitigation.

In addition, an Incident Management Blocking Equipment Pilot Project will be funded with Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds in the amount of \$132,000, that will be provided directly to three local governments, under agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation to access the funding.

Exhibit: 2020-07-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing Defense Manufacturing Community Designation Submittal to the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to endorse an application submitted to the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, and requested authorization to submit a more detailed grant proposal and to receive approximately \$5,000,000 in federal funds with a local contribution of \$5,500,000 (\$1,250,000 in approved RTC local match and \$4,250,000 additional local contributions from consortium partners). The application was submitted on behalf of a consortium of public and private sector entities from North Texas who wish to compete for designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community, under the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP). The program is designed to strengthen the national security innovation and manufacturing base in Designated Manufacturing Communities. The initial submittal for requesting designation was filed prior to the July 12, 2020 deadline. Communities designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community will be invited to submit a more detailed grant application. If received, NCTCOG will administer the grant and consortium partners will contribute funding to support the required 20 percent match and additional investments.

Exhibit: 2020-07-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Strength (seconded by Councilmember Caplinger), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Approving Modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP), including new initiatives, project updates and funding adjustments. He also informed the Board that NCTCOG's allocation of Federal Transit Administration 5303 Transportation Planning Funds for FY2020 and FY2019 Federal Highway Administration PL-112 carry over funds have been increased. The UPWP is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted, and the capital purchases to be made, between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2021. The UPWP was previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and endorsed by the Executive Board.

Exhibit: 2020-07-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Nearmap to Provide Recurring Aerial and Oblique Imagery Services

Tim Barbee, Director of Research & Information Services, explained that the contract with Nearmap for aerial and oblique imagery services is for a maximum five-year term for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. Through the Spatial Data Cooperative Program, NCTCOG has experience and expertise in the facilitation of collaborative acquisition of digital orthophotography and related products. Recently, several member governments requested additional services that would entail imagery captured 2 to 3 times a year at six-inch or higher resolution. These services are not currently available through existing vendors.

Exhibit: 2020-07-08-RIS

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 9 Resolution Endorsing the Submittal of an Application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Grant Opportunity, "Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities"

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, explained that in July an application was submitted for approximately \$300,000 in funding for a grant opportunity entitled, "Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities." This funding is available from the Office of Land and Emergency Management of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The agency received support letters for this project from 13 stakeholders in the region and applied for funding in collaboration with the University of Texas at Arlington in order to meet the deadline. The purpose of the project is to increase or enhance anaerobic digestion capacity and infrastructure. Anaerobic digestion is a natural process where microorganisms convert organic waste (such as food scraps) into useful end products. These products can be used as soil amendments, fertilizers, to generate electricity and heat and for creating renewable energy, thereby diverting waste from landfills.

Exhibit: 2020-07-09-ED

Upon a Motion by Mayor Smith (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing an Additional Staff Position to Support North Central Texas Economic Development District Activities

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to authorize one new full-time staff position for the Executive Director's Office, using Economic Development Administration (EDA) CARES Act funding, to support the work of the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD). She explained that these additional funds were provided in response to the negative economic impacts caused by the Coronavirus shutdown. She noted that in May, the Board authorized the application for and receipt of \$400,000 in supplemental Economic Development Administration (EDA) CARES Act funding for this purpose.

Exhibit: 2020-07-10-EDO

Upon a Motion by Mayor Smith (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 11 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint Mary Ann Moon to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board to serve a three-year term and fill a vacant seat in the category of cities with less than 25,000 in population. The NCTEDD Board functions as an advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a district by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016. Ms. Moon is being recommended by Mayor Ray Smith of Prosper, Texas and is the Executive Director of Prosper Economic Development Corporation. She brings a wide range of economic and community development experience and is a Certified Economic Developer with the International Economic Development Council and a former Dean of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute, where she continues to serve as an instructor and mentor.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Smith (seconded by Mayor McCowan), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 11 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, reminded the Board that the General Assembly and Board elections would be held on August 14, 2020 and that August 27, 2020 will be first meeting for newly elected Board members. He said this would be the last meeting for several members of the Board, namely, Councilmember Strength, Mayor Stopfer, Councilmember Rodriguez and perhaps Councilmember Kleinman. He also noted that Representative Davis will not leave Board until December 31, but she will be recognized as rotating off the Board, although her last day is a long way off. He explained that it is the practice of the Nominating Committee to propose a county

representative be placed in the officer rotation every third year. As Mayor Smith and Mayor McCowan are nominated for president and vice president, respectively; County Judge Sweet is nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. He also announced that the nominations for new Board members include Alfonso Campos, County Judge of Erath County; Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor of Rowlett; and Kayci Prince, Councilmember from Plano. He expressed his appreciation for the contributions that the departing members have made. Judge Clark also thanked those members for their service on the Board.

Item 12 Future Calendar and Attendance

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

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