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MEMORANDUM

TO: LCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Sabrena Graham/Executive Director
SUBJECT: Board Meeting Notice
DATE: March 20, 2015

The regular monthly LCOG Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at our Point South office. The fellowship period will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please use the enclosed proxy if you are unable to attend. **There will be a new member orientation beginning at 5:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order.
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Invocation
 3. Introduction of Guests and Staff
 4. Action on January 22, 2015 Minutes (Enclosed)
 5. Proxies
 6. Board Member Service Plaque
(Chairman Shaffer will present a board service plaque to Billy Keyserling)
- II. Presentation.
 1. Planning a Public Transit System to Assist Regional Hospitals in meeting Medicare/Medicaid and Chronic Illness Management Requirements – Ginnie Kozak
- III. Old Business.
- IV. New Business.
- V. Reports.
 1. February Finance Report – Sherry Smith
 2. Community and Economic Development Report – Michelle Knight
 3. Workforce Development Update – Hank Amundson
 4. Director's Report – Sabrena Graham
 5. 208 Report – For Information
 6. Regional Unemployment Chart – For Information
- VI. Council Time.
- VII. Adjourn.

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 22, 2015
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
BEAUFORT COUNTY:	Philip (Phil) Cromer Gerald Dawson Brian Flewelling Marc A. Grant Mary Beth Heyward Alice Howard Bill McBride Joseph McDomick Jim Outlaw Jerry Stewart	Lisa Sulka
COLLETON COUNTY:	Esther S. Black Bobby Bonds Joseph Flowers Thomas (Tommy) Mann Evon Robinson	Jane Darby Gene Whetsell
HAMPTON COUNTY:	Frankie Bennett James (Pete) Hagood Charles (Buddy) Phillips Nat Shaffer	Travis (Pete) Mixson
JASPER COUNTY:	Henry Etheridge Carolyn Kassel Henry Lawton, Sr. Joey Malphrus Gwen Johnson Smith	
GUESTS:	Celia Price, guest of Esther Black; Brad Samuel, CED & Local Government Representative, SCANA Corporation; Lisa Wechsler, CPA, Crowley Wechsler & Associates	
STAFF:	Hank Amundson, Sabrena Graham, Michelle Knight, Ginnie Kozak, Sherry Smith, Carol Stonebraker	

Chairman Nat Shaffer called the January 22, 2015 Lowcountry Council of Governments regular board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Evon Robinson gave the invocation. The Chairman welcomed new members, City of Beaufort Council Member Phil Cromer and Beaufort County Council Member Alice Howard. Noting that both brought significant experience to the Board, Chairman Shaffer asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Cromer retired after 23 years as a Risk Management Consultant for the Municipal Association of South Carolina, previously served as Town Manager for Port Royal, and before that worked for LCOG as its Economic and Community Development Coordinator. Ms. Howard worked for a regional planning agency, similar to the COG, early in her career. She was 10 years with the United States Army and another 20 years at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort,

retiring recently as Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Introduction of guests and staff followed. The Executive Director reported there were no proxies submitted; however, non-voting Board Member Jane Darby sent notice she could not attend. Chairman Shaffer presented the Revised Agenda that added one non-voting item under the Call to Order. It was approved with all in favor. The meeting proceeded after determining a quorum was present. Minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Joe Flowers with a second from Beth Heyward. Chairman Shaffer presented the 2015 LCOG Board Meeting Schedule, which was unanimously approved on motion by Brian Flewelling, seconded by Tommy Mann. Retiring Board Member Tabor Vaux was out-of-town and unable to accept his Board Service Award. It will be sent to him.

Chairman Shaffer called for Old Business and recognized LCOG Planning Director Ginnie Kozak for an update on the SC68 and US17 transportation projects. A summary was in meeting packets and Ginnie presented the information.

Ginnie reviewed how changes in standards had delayed and affected environmental assessment and right-of-way acquisition on the SC68 project. The US Army Corp of Engineers permit is under review; wetlands mitigation and CSX drainage concerns must be agreed to; and assuming no major issues arise, SCDOT projects the contract will be let December 2015 with construction beginning around January or February 2016. Ginnie responded to questions saying it is the most definitive schedule to date. The project is funded by LCOG Guideshare dollars and has a current project cost estimate of \$9.5M, which could increase. The Board will receive updates.

Ginnie continued with the US17 project update. She reviewed required approvals, anticipated schedule, funding, and cost estimate—now at \$54M. Currently it is funded with LCOG Guideshare and LATS MPO allocations. SCDOT manages the project. Preliminary roadway plans are developed and environmental studies complete. The environmental document and alternative analysis is under development, and a value engineering study is planned for March—it is a complex project involving serious environmental issues. SCDOT projects the environmental document should be complete this fall, design field review by December 2015, right-of-way acquisition by March 2016, and construction should begin spring of 2018. Ginnie said it is a very realistic schedule. The information is current as of January 21, 2015. She will request quarterly updates from SCDOT. Ginnie and SCDOT are closely watching for potential grants—such as Tiger Grants—to apply for that may increase funding. Chairman Shaffer thanked her for the information.

The Chairman addressed New Business and recognized Michelle Knight to conduct the Lowcountry Regional Development Corporation (LRDC) Annual Meeting. Other LRDC meetings are called as needed. A summary was in meeting packets. Michelle presented background information about LRDC, the COG's affiliate nonprofit formed to support regional economic development primarily through building projects funded with public and private resources. LRDC operates on the federal fiscal year, October 1 – September 30, and is required to hold an annual meeting. LCOG board members and officers serve in the same capacity for LRDC. LCOG Executive Director Sabrena Graham is LRDC Managing Agent, and Michelle is Recording Secretary. Michelle reviewed past and current projects. LRDC currently does not generate a lot of income and had little activity during the year. One Beaufort County project paid its loan in full in October, and staff is working with the funding agency to determine how those funds may be reused; a recommendation will later come before the Board. Funds from a prior Jasper County project payout are still being held in escrow to be used for a new project that can meet grant requirements—the last effort did not. Negotiations are underway with SCDOC regarding a Jasper County industrial building where the tenant is interested in purchasing the building. Agreements with SCDOC must be reached before a sale can be finalized. The Chairman thanked Michelle for the information.

Lisa Wechsler was recognized to present the LRDC Audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. Ms. Wechsler is a partner with Crowley Wechsler & Associates, the COG's independent auditor. Copies of the audit report were sent to board members prior to the meeting and also included in meeting packets. Ms. Wechsler stated that LRDC is a non-profit corporation that stimulates regional economic development through attractive leasing or financial arrangements. She reviewed current LRDC projects and significant areas of the audit report including the Statements of Financial Position, Activities, Cash Flows, and Notes to Financial Statements. The most noteworthy action was a negotiated loan payoff finalized shortly after the new 2015/16 fiscal year began. During questions, she confirmed that LRDC does not pay taxes as it is a non-profit corporation. Joe McDomick asked if she found anything specific during the audit process that the Board needed to know. She said there was nothing more, it was a good year with one negotiated loan payoff. The Chairman thanked Ms. Wechsler for the information.

Chairman Shaffer called for Reports and recognized Sherry Smith for the December Finance Report. Sherry submitted the report with comments. It represents 50% of fiscal year, and Revenues over Expenditures and Operations are near target. The Dues, Subscriptions & Publications line item is higher than usual because most are renewed/paid before calendar year end and should balance by fiscal year end. Sherry drew attention to Unrestricted Cash and Accounts Receivable reviewing that most COG services are performed and paid as they occur and then submitted for reimbursement. Reimbursement now averages about 60 days, which has become the norm. Timely invoicing continues.

Michelle Knight was recognized for the Community & Economic Development Report. Michelle submitted the report and reviewed its new format, which had been revised for readability and information improvements. Responding to a question, Michelle said the HOME Program has experienced difficulty identifying qualified applicants for down-payment assistance and that Barbara Johnson may request moving those funds at the next Affordable Housing Committee meeting. Michelle said EDA Title IX Loan Program Reports will be presented to the Board as they are received from Catawba Regional Planning Council.

Sabrena Graham was recognized for the Director's Report, which she submitted with comments. She reviewed four vacancies on the Board noting that appointing jurisdictions have been contacted about their seats. A 2014 board attendance record was included in meeting packets for review. A new member orientation will be held the same day of the next board meeting, and all members are welcome. Members wanting to receive pre-meeting documents by email instead of mail can switch on request. Sabrena also reviewed her activities since January 5th, her first day as LCOG Executive Director, and spoke about COG goals. Regular staff meetings are being held with department directors to exchange information and ideas. Although the COG has high quality accounts receivables, early focus will be on reducing the amount and increasing the fund balance to offset lagging program expenditure reimbursements from State. The counties will be kept up-to-date on progress. She and department directors are discussing ways to publicize the COG, including developing a new website, in meetings with the counties and municipalities, and at other public meetings. Sabrena asked that board members contact her with recommendations. Members interested in having the COG present to their council or affiliated organizations were asked to let her know. Sabrena reported attending several meetings: she and Hank Amundson met with TCL President Dr. Richard Gough to talk about workforce development; the COG Directors participated in two meetings regarding COG funding, one with Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman and another with House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Brian White. Both went well. She attended the regular COG Directors meeting and gained more information on COG programs. Strategic planning for LCOG's future will be ongoing. Sabrena again thanked the Board for welcoming her.

Chairman Shaffer submitted the 208 Reports and Regional Unemployment Chart for information. Sabrena said Ginnie Kozak compared Nov/Dec 2014 208 activity to the same period in 2013, and the data indicated considerable upturn in economic development.

During Council Time, Pete Hagood spoke about attending a groundbreaking for a new tenant coming to the Hampton County Industrial Park.

With no additional business to address, and on motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Copies of the agenda were distributed prior to the meeting. The original meeting notice/agenda was posted on the LCOG bulletin board January 16 and replaced by the revised agenda on January 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrena P. Graham
Executive Director

Attachments

Healthcare Access Mobility Design Challenge

Project Overview. Planning a system for public transit, through Palmetto Breeze, to assist the hospitals of the four counties to meet their Medicare/Medicaid Chronic Illness Management, Affordable Care Act and private insurer requirements to prevent “avoidable” readmissions to hospitals for chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and pneumonia.

Transportation—or lack thereof—identified by area hospitals as a key obstacle to compliance, which can lead to loss of significant hospital revenue.

1. #1 priority of the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Coordination Consolidation Steering Committee, as of meeting on January 15, 2015.
2. Subject of multi-agency working session on February 28, 2014: Exploration of Transportation Issues involving Beaufort Memorial Hospital for Community Health Needs Assessment 2016.
3. Applying for a Health Care Access Mobility Design Challenge \$25,000 grant, announced not long after the above priority established.
4. Even if not successful at obtaining grant, work will proceed with partners on a pilot project at Beaufort Memorial Hospital in 2015. Following that, system will be rolled out to the other four hospitals in the Lowcountry Region.

Lowcountry Council of Governments
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Period Ending February 2015

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget	Variance	%
Revenues				
Federal	\$2,991,467	4,155,283	(\$1,163,816)	.720
State Restricted	676,678	1,417,245	(740,567)	.477
State Unrestricted	28,443	42,664	(14,221)	.667
Local Restricted	543,619	813,792	(270,173)	.668
Local Unrestricted	98,997	148,195	(49,198)	.668
Other Sources	51,106	82,638	(31,532)	.618
Total Revenues	<u>\$4,390,310</u>	<u>6,659,817</u>	<u>(\$2,269,507)</u>	<u>.659</u>
Expenditures				
<i>Personnel and Related Costs</i>	1,577,222	\$2,541,362	(964,140)	.621
<i>Building and Related Costs</i>	155,549	245,865	(90,316)	.633
<i>Operating Costs</i>				
Advertising	5,946	\$26,100	(20,154)	.228
Contracts	2,390,856	3,459,360	(1,068,504)	.691
Depreciation	2,920	4,380	(1,460)	.667
Dues, Subscriptions & Publicat	12,316	10,950	1,366	1.125
Equipment Maintenance & Lease	31,147	29,750	1,397	1.047
Insurance & Bonding	7,428	11,500	(4,072)	.646
Meetings	2,653	14,275	(11,622)	.186
Miscellaneous	10,290	24,900	(14,610)	.413
Legal Fees	6,560	2,750	3,810	2.385
Postage & Shipping	6,463	11,500	(5,037)	.562
Printing	19,921	21,500	(1,579)	.927
Supplies	25,305	24,400	905	1.037
	<u>2,521,804</u>	<u>3,641,365</u>	<u>(1,119,561)</u>	<u>.693</u>
<i>Other Expenditures</i>				
Equipment Purchases	20,274	\$34,000	(13,726)	.596
Travel Costs	46,273	101,083	(54,810)	.458
Auto Costs	21,823	35,522	(13,699)	.614
Bad Debt	-	-	0	
	<u>88,370</u>	<u>170,605</u>	<u>(82,235)</u>	<u>.518</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>4,342,946</u>	<u>6,599,196</u>	<u>(2,256,251)</u>	<u>.658</u>
Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$47,365</u>	<u>\$60,621</u>	<u>(13,256)</u>	<u>0.78</u>
Operations	<u>\$47,365</u>	<u>\$60,621</u>	<u>(13,256)</u>	<u>0.78</u>

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Balance Sheet
For the Period Ending February 2015

Assets

Cash - Unrestricted	194,980	
Cash - Restricted TDR	254,487	
Accounts Receivable	1,278,002	
Prepaid Expenses	13,579	
Property, Building & Equipment	1,682,318	
Amount to be Provided for Debt	655,313	
Total Assets		4,078,679

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$352,690	
Accrued Liabilities	469,870	
Long-Term Debt	655,313	
<i>Total Liabilities</i>		\$1,477,874

Fund Equity

Investment in Fixed Assets	\$1,682,318	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$863,188	
Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	
Nonspendable Fund Balance	\$7,934	
Revenues over Expenditures	47,365	
<i>Total Fund Equity</i>		\$2,600,805

Total Liabilities & Equity		\$4,078,679
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<p>LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES CURRENT PROJECTS SUMMARY MARCH 2015</p>

ACTIVE PROJECTS:	NUMBER	DOLLAR VALUE
CDBG Community Investment	22	\$ 10,676,669.00
CDBG Economic Development	1	\$ 165,000.00
CDBG Ready To Go	0	\$ -
CDBG Planning Grants	1	\$ 50,000.00
EDA Public Works	3	\$ 2,395,200.00
EDA Planning Grants	1	\$ 58,500.00
RD Grants	1	\$ 50,000.00
HOME	17	\$ 2,354,423.00
TOTALS	46	\$ 15,749,792.00

Applications Requested	6	\$ 3,874,076.00
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Note: EDA Title IX Loan Program Reports will be provided separately as received by Catawba Regional Planning Council.

Prepared by: Community and Economic Development

CURRENT PROJECTS

CDBG - BEAUFORT COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Beaufort County	Burton Water	Programmatically closed. Completed under budget. Waiting on final audit clearance.	\$ 422,500.00	\$ 360,189.00	\$ 62,311.00
Town of Bluffton	Buck Island-Simmons ville VR III	Startup cleared. Working on acquisition. Design and permitting should be done in	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 34,995.00	\$ 465,005.00
City of Beaufort	NW Quadrant VR III	Construction underway.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 153,790.00	\$ 346,210.00
Town of Bluffton	Possum Point Sewer	Startup cleared. App & Rev Appr contract at GA for approval. Design/permitting done.	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 315,000.00
			\$ 1,742,500.00	\$ 553,974.00	\$ 1,188,526.00

CDBG - COLLETON COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
City of Walterboro	Lemacks VR II	Programmatically closed. Waiting on final audit clearance.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -
Colleton County	Colleton Demo	Programmatically closed. Completed under budget. Waiting on final audit clearance.	\$ 285,300.00	\$ 186,679.00	\$ 98,621.00
City of Walterboro	South Jefferies Streetscape	Plans at DOT for approval. Anticipate bidding within the next 30 days.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 490,000.00
City of Walterboro	Hampton St Water Line Ext	Acquisition nearly complete. Bid package being reviewed.	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 733,500.00
City of Walterboro	Lemacks VR III	Rev housing apps. Asbestos test done. Putting out RFP for trail design & bid for demo.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 480,050.00
			\$ 2,535,300.00	\$ 733,129.00	\$ 1,802,171.00

CURRENT PROJECTS

CDBG - HAMPTON COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Town of Varnville	Varnville Water Looping	Programmatically closed. Completed under budget. Waiting on final audit clearance.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 412,692.00	\$ 87,308.00
Town of Estill	Ruth Street Sewer Improvement	Construction completed. Project amendment underway. Waiting on wetland delineation.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 180,649.00	\$ 319,351.00
Town of Varnville	Mill Pond Pump Station Upgrade	Programmatically closed. Completed under budget. Waiting on final audit clearance.	\$ 190,297.00	\$ 164,928.00	\$ 25,369.00
Town of Brunson	Water Tank Improvements	Phase 1 construction underway.	\$ 347,474.00	\$ 143,221.00	\$ 204,253.00
Hampton County	DHEC Health Clinic	Design/permitting underway.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 493,000.00
Hampton County	Brunson Gifford Water Connecti	Startup & ERR underway (waiting on JD). Acquisition beginning.	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
Town of Yemassee	Sewer Line Upgrade	Startup underway/RFP engineering/ERR underway.Project Amendment being prepared.	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 750,000.00
Hampton County (ED)	Elliott Sawmilling Rail Expansion	Close-out submitted.	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -
Hampton County	CDBG Regional Planning Grant	Ongoing.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 22,900.00	\$ 27,100.00
			\$ 4,002,771.00	\$ 1,096,390.00	\$ 2,906,381.00

CDBG - JASPER COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
City of Hardeeville	Hardeeville Drainage	Programmatically closed.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -
Town of Ridgeland	First Ave Pump Station Upgrade	Programmatically closed.	\$ 322,648.00	\$ 322,648.00	\$ -
Jasper County	DHEC Addition	Certificate of Occupancy issued. Prepping Close-out.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 488,795.00	\$ 11,205.00
Jasper County	Old Bailey Sewer Extension	Design complete. Acquisition of some in condemnation.	\$ 389,050.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 381,050.00
City of Hardeeville	Hardeeville Library	Reviewing specs and drawings.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 488,000.00
Town of Ridgeland	Wise St. Pump Station Upgrade	Bid opening 3-13-15	\$ 399,400.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 388,600.00
			\$ 2,611,098.00	\$ 1,342,243.00	\$ 1,268,855.00

CURRENT PROJECTS

CDBG TOTALS - ALL COUNTIES		\$ 10,891,669.00	\$ 3,725,736.00	\$ 7,165,933.00
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REQUESTED

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Beaufort County (CDBG)	Seabrook Water	Requesting Application.	\$ 556,316.00
Colleton County (CDBG)	Bama Road Drainage	Resubmitting. Requesting Application.	\$ 750,000.00
Colleton County/City of Walterboro (EDA)	Infrastructure to support company.	Submitted Application.	\$ 780,000.00
Town of Hampton (CDBG)	Sewer Rehab	Requesting Application.	\$ 750,000.00
City of Hardeeville (CDBG)	Drainage Focus Area 2	Requesting Application.	\$ 500,000.00
Jasper County (CDBG)	Deerfield Waterline Ext	Requesting Application.	\$ 537,760.00
			\$ 3,874,076.00

EDA

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Beaufort County	Penn Center Purchase and renovation of hotel/restaurant.	Close out complete. Gov. performance results tracking.	\$ 544,700.00	\$ 544,700.00	\$ -
Colleton County	Technical Training Center	GPRA Tracking completed.	\$ 1,252,500.00	\$ 1,252,500.00	\$ -
Hampton County	Job Training Center Renovation	Close out paper work submitted and approved. GPRA Reporting.	\$ 598,000.00	\$ 598,000.00	\$ -
Jasper County	LCOG/EDA Planning Grant	New award.	\$ 58,500.00	\$ -	\$ 58,500.00
			\$ 2,453,700.00	\$ 2,395,200.00	\$ 58,500.00

RD Grants

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Hampton County	Town of Hampton Old Bank Demo	Completed.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -

CURRENT PROJECTS

HOME - BEAUFORT COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Jasper County Neighbors United JCNU	Single Family Rehab	PROJECT COMPLETED - 8 units	\$ 165,450.00	\$ 164,581.00	\$ 869.00
LowCountry Habitat for Humanity	New Construction	2 completed, 2 under construction	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 43,750.00	\$ 56,250.00
Town of Blufton	Single Family Rehab	2 completed, 2 under construction	\$ 114,129.00	\$ 49,771.00	\$ 64,358.00
Beaufort Jasper Equal Opportunity Commission	Single Family Rehab	completed 5 units	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 122,394.00	\$ 27,606.00
Beaufort County	Single Family Rehab	contract signed	\$ 114,070.00	\$ -	\$ 114,070.00
City of Beaufort	Single Family Rehab	Contracts to be signed week of 2/16/15	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 28,120.00	\$ 121,880.00
			\$ 793,649.00	\$ 408,616.00	\$ 385,033.00

HOME - COLLETON COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
City of Walterboro	Single Family Rehab	Final unit started	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 136,330.00	\$ 13,670.00
Colleton County	Single Family Rehab #1	3 units underway	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 82,006.00	\$ 17,994.00
Colleton County	Single Family Rehab #2	2 completed, 1 underway	\$ 114,127.00	\$ 85,213.00	\$ 28,914.00
			\$ 364,127.00	\$ 303,549.00	\$ 60,578.00

CURRENT PROJECTS

HOME - HAMPTON COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Town of Hampton	Single Family Rehab	PROJECT COMPLETED 6 units	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Hampton County	Single Family Rehab	PROJECT COMPLETED 10 units	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ -
Town of Yemassee	Single Family Rehab	Accepting applications	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 97,853.00	\$ 52,147.00
Hampton County	Single Family Rehab	5 completed, 2 underway	\$ 196,647.00	\$ 177,549.00	\$ 19,098.00
			\$ 671,647.00	\$ 600,402.00	\$ 71,245.00

HOME - JASPER COUNTY

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
Jasper County	Single Family Rehab	4 units completed, reviewing final application	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 107,196.00	\$ 42,804.00
JCNU	Single Family Rehab	COMPLETED 42 unit complex	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
JCNU CHDO	Single Family Rehab	Project completed 5 units	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -
			\$ 425,000.00	\$ 382,196.00	\$ 42,804.00

HOME - ALL COUNTIES

GRANTEE	PROJECT	STATUS	FUNDED AMOUNT	DRAWN TO DATE	BALANCE
ALL COUNTIES	*REGION WIDE DOWNPMT ASSISTANCE - 10 UNITS	Cannot qualify homebuyers	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
*Having problems qualifying homebuyers. May amend program to use funds in housing rehab.					
			\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00

HOME TOTALS			\$ 2,354,423.00	\$ 1,694,763.00	\$ 659,660.00
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MEMORANDUM

To: LCOG Board
From: Sabrena Graham, Executive Director
Subject: Director's Report
Date: March 26, 2015

1. New board member orientation will be held at 5:00pm prior to our March board meeting. Some detailed information will be provided on the various COG programs as well as the board's function. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. The COG's annual budget requests went out to the four county councils last week. We understand that budgets are tight. No increase was requested for FY16. Please be sure our request is in line for approval.
3. I want to acknowledge Ginnie Kozak, our Planning Director, for serving as a peer-reviewer of proposals for the 1st International Conference on Transport & Health that will take place in London in July.
4. We hosted the SC Municipal Association Training here at the COG on March 19. This was the first session held during the day. I had the opportunity to "tell our story" to the group over lunch.
5. The Daufuskie Island Council supported by the Community Preservation Zone Association is requesting the COG and SCDOT provide funds for a study that plans for achieving transportation equity for Daufuskie Island that includes public ferry service. I understand from conversations with staff and Morris Campbell at Beaufort County that a 2014 TIGER grant for this study was not awarded. SCDOT in response, has referred the Daufuskie Island Council to LCOG explaining that we serve as the transportation planning organization for the region. Has the COG board given this request consideration in the past? Board members that are familiar with this request, please share information with me.
6. Other - To be discussed
 - a. Telling our Story - new brochures, power point and website

208 Plan Conformance Certifications - March 2015

Project	Description	Location	Wastewater Treatment Plant	Number of Lots	Date Certified	Conform	Fee Paid	Status
<i>Northern Beaufort County</i>								
Sea Pointe Apartments	Gravity Sewer System	Beaufort County	Port Royal	56 Apartments & 1 Community Bldg.	3/4/2015	Yes	\$230	Approved
Beaufort Fire Station No. 2	Gravity Sewer System	Beaufort City	Port Royal	Fire Station	3/2/2015	Yes	\$230	Approved
Broad River Apartments	Gravity Sewer System	Beaufort County	Port Royal	246 Apartments	3/17/2015	Yes	\$230	Approved
<i>Southern Beaufort County</i>								
<i>Colleton County</i>								
<i>Hampton County</i>								
<i>Jasper County</i>								

Lowcountry 208 Certifications: 2014 and 2015 Monthly Comparison

2014	208 Certifications	Number of Housing Units	Other Buildings		2015	208 Certifications	Number of Housing Units	Other Buildings
January	3	0	Industrial. Fire Station, Jelly Fish Processing		January	7	133	Medical Building
February	2	0	USCB Rec Center, forest road		February	6	300	Dialysis Clinic
March	1	0	Crystal Lake Park		March	3	302	Fire Station
Year-to-date	6	0				16	735	

Lowcountry Unemployment Rates



Lowcountry Labor Force and Employment

	Jan-15		Dec-14		Jan-14	
	Labor Force	Employment	Labor Force	Employment	Labor Force	Employment
Beaufort County	68,376	64,042	66,781	62,852	65,236	61,373
Colleton County	16,931	15,623	17,166	16,014	16,820	15,436
Hampton County	8,626	7,803	7,888	7,175	7,555	6,867
Jasper County	11,195	10,506	10,773	10,187	10,545	9,947
Lowcountry Total	105,128	97,974	102,608	96,228	100,156	93,623

	Labor Force	Employment
Lowcountry Percent Change January 2014- January 2015	4.96%	4.65%

