

Black Hills Council of Local Governments

Meeting Minutes - July 2, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bulman, Eddie Clay, Al Dial, Deb Hadcock, Rex Harris, Daryl Johnson, Lloyd LaCroix, Karen Gundersen Olson, Sherry Scudder, Mike Stahl and Dean Wagner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Brown, Ann Cassens, Al Dial, Stan Harms, Rolf Kraft, Joe McFarland, Joe Peterson, David Schneider, James Turner and Cindy York

PROXIES PRESENT: Alan Aker for Dayle Hammock and Bryan Walker for Doug Schmit

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Doolittle, Black Hills Community Economic Development; Pat McElgunn, Rapid City Chamber of Commerce and Greg Sund, Spearfish City Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Blaise Emerson, Bill Lass and Denise Livingston

Chairperson Scudder called the regular meeting of the Black Hills Council of Local Governments to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken with eleven (11) members and two (2) proxies in attendance; a quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

MEMBER HARRIS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2009 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED; MEMBER LaCROIX SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

Energy and Conservation ARRA Funds - Executive Director Emerson called attention to the handout in the Board Member's packets of information addressing this item. He said this was stimulus funds that would come down through the South Dakota Department of Energy to communities and counties that did not get special allocations (Rapid City and Pennington, Lawrence and Meade Counties all received special allocations). Potential grants will be available for other cities and counties for energy efficiency in public buildings (replacing a boiler or more efficient lighting, etc.). Council Staff will work with the state on a contractual basis to help administer the setting up of these funding packages. Mr. Emerson said there was an allocation of almost \$9.5 million for the entire state, and it was his feeling this area should receive a pretty good share of that. When asked if this program was going to move along as fast as the reset of the stimulus package, he said the Energy Department hoped it would be turned around in a month or so (August or September).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2010-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - Mr. Duane Heermann presented the tentative 2010-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Council Members focusing

on major projects in our area. Discussion ensued between Council Members and DOT Staff regarding specific projects of interest.

In closing, Mr. Heermann advised a public hearing would be held regarding the STIP on July 16, 2009, in Rapid City at the Ramkota Hotel starting at 7:00 P.M., and Executive Director Emerson encouraged Council Members to attend advising project priorities had been changed in the past based on public comments presented at such meetings. He thanked the Department for providing a review of what would be presented at the upcoming STIP Hearing noting that this was one of the reasons the Department received such great public participation.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Black Hills Council Financial Report - Mr. Emerson reviewed the financials with Board Members advising he did not have the final numbers for June as yet, but that *"We are pretty much right on track."*

Black Hills Council Website - He announced that the Council now has a website (BHCouncil.com), and encouraged Members to visit the site and offer comments/suggestions.

Next Meeting Date of Council - The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2009.

Recovery Zone Bonds - *"These bonds have come out of the stimulus funds,"* reported Mr. Emerson when calling the Board's attention to handouts on the topic included in their packets of information. He suggested they read though the information and direct questions to the bond counsel for their municipality or county.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

BILLS

Bills paid for the Months of April through June 2009 were presented to Board Members, with no action being required.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no formal motion to adjourn, the meeting concluded at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Clay
Secretary