

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Virtual Meeting
April 21, 2021

This meeting was recorded via Zoom and made available on the QVCOG website.

President Jean-Sebastien Valois called a virtual meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

The following members in attendance:

Aleppo:	Glen Osborne: Bob Ryan
Avalon:	Glenfield:
Bell Acres:	Haysville:
Bellevue: Anthony DiTullio	Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois (President)
Ben Avon: Richard Wagner	Leet: Donna Adipietro
Edgeworth: John Schwend	Leetsdale: Jeff Weatherby
Emsworth: Paul Getz	Sewickley: Julie Barnes
Sewickley Heights: Nate Briggs	

COVID-19 Check-In: No comments were made.

Omnibus Motion - Mr. Weatherby moved to approve March 17, 2021 minutes and Financial Statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

President's Report - President Valois reported on the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss the QVCOG Executive Director Search.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Hockenberry cited that aligned with the Rt 65 Corridor Study, the LINC Study brings the Remaking Cities Institute at Carnegie Mellon University to the QVCOG communities once again. She highlighted that LINC, stands for Linking our Networked Communities and is research and strategy development for local mobility. She noted the study has focused on Bellevue, Avalon, Ben Avon, Emsworth and Kilbuck. She noted this study is underway to make recommendations for improving first and last mile connections, among other things, within these communities.

She continued by reporting the March 20 Regional Forum, “Transportation As Destiny” provided an overview of the history of our region and its inextricable connection to our transportation system as well as the current transportation funding and decision-making system and how the QVCOG region might work to get projects on the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She thanked Mark Magalo, Ph.D., from the Center for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure at the University of Pittsburgh for the info-packed session. She noted the recording is available on the COG’s website.

Next, she reported the Solid Waste and Recycling Specifications Committee is on track to have specifications ready by summer. She noted Municipalities are adopting Resolutions to participate and must submit a \$200 participation fee to be included in the specifications. She noted the video recording of the February 27th All-Members meeting for elected officials and staff is available on the COG's website citing preregistration is required.

Lastly, she thanked Ms. Janet Wenger, CDBG Coordinator, who retired on March 31, 2021. She stated that it has been a distinct pleasure to work with Janet--who is not only extremely professional but dedicated to our communities and region in a way that went above and beyond her job description. She wished Janet and wonderful retirement and deepest thanks for all she has done for the QVCOG as an organization and region.

Citing interest regarding a COG-wide zoning map, Executive Director Hockenberry noted that through the LINC Study, the 5 participating COG members had their boundaries geo-coded. She highlighted that data would be invaluable for such an endeavor.

New Business – No new business was reported.

Old Business – Executive Director Hockenberry reported that 6 glass collection events have been secured in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). She cited that the final schedule of events has not been established but will be relayed and advertised accordingly. She continued by thanking all participants who contributed financially for the events. Citing Mr. Getz's comment from the previous Board meeting, Executive Director Hockenberry noted that she had contacted Senator Devlin's office concerning sponsorship of a glass collection event but had not heard back. She then updated the Board concerning the solid waste and recycling contract specification highlighting that the Solid Waste Contract Committee would be meeting on April 22, 2021. Lastly, she updated the Board concerning her current Lenovo laptop which was issued upon her hire with the COG in 2017. She noted that it no longer runs properly and cited that it would be quite expensive to repair. President Valois recommended donating the device to Ms. Hockenberry.

After some discussion, Mr. Getz moved to donate the device to Ms. Hockenberry. Ms. Adipietro seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

CDBG Status Report – Executive Director Hockenberry provided an update concerning continued CDBG projects. She noted that Kilbuck Township and Leet Township recently conducted their bid openings for their respective ADA ramp accessibility projects. She concluded by highlighting that several projects will be put out for bid in May.

Other Concerns of the Delegates - Ms. Barnes inquired regarding the status of in-person municipal operations for other COG members. Mr. DiTullio reported that Bellevue's facilities are open to the Public. Mr. Schwend reported that Edgeworth's Municipal Facilities were also open to the Public. Mr. Weatherby reported that Leetsdale's operations are open to one customer at a time. Mr. Getz stated that Emsworth's facilities are open for Staff but closed to walk-in traffic. No other concerns were raised.

Adjournment – Mr. Weatherby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the Meeting was adjourned by President Jean-Sebastien Valois at 8:50 p.m.

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for: May 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan G. Hockenberry
Executive Director