

DRAFT Minutes of PACOG Meeting June 10, 2011

Centre Region COG Building, State College, PA

Officers In Attendance

Larry Googins – President, Beaver County Regional COG
Jim Steff – 1st Vice President, Centre Region COG
Royce Lorentz – 2nd Vice President, Butler County COG
Ron Reeder – 3rd Vice President, Western Cumberland COG

Delegates In Attendance

Kent Gardner – Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee
Bud Graham – Centre Region COG
Ann Simonetti – Capital Region & Perry County COGs (via telephone)
Mary Trunzo - Indiana-Westmoreland COG
Tom Tulip – Mercer County Regional COG

Administrative Staff In Attendance

Linda Costa, Executive Director PACOG

Others In Attendance

Alan Kugler – PACOG Consultant
Tom Sauers – Executive Director, Central Keystone COG

President Larry Googins called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, welcomed everyone, circulated a sign-in sheet and introductions were made. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss “**PACOG in 2012 and Beyond.**”

I. Royce Lorentz: Suggested PACOG Statements of Guidance

Royce Lorentz was given the floor to review his “Suggested PACOG Statements of Guidance” (attached) and to lead the discussion. Royce stated that he spent much time analyzing PACOG and developed a broad structure, or framework, for planning and action. He felt that PACOG has to examine what we need to do, how to do it, and then prioritize what needs to be done. An excellent discussion of options and opportunities ensued. The following immediate tasks were agreed upon:

Action Item List:

1. Linda Costa – will schedule a meeting in Harrisburg with PACOG representatives and Fred Reddig, Executive Director of the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS), around July 15, but before September 10, 2011, to discuss the direction of the Corbett Administration and GCLGS and PACOG.
2. Kent Gardner – will research alternatives to the current PACOG membership dues structure (\$200 if budget less than \$10,000; \$250 if budget is \$10,000-\$50,000; \$300 if budget is greater than \$50,000).
3. Royce Lorentz – will research dues structure of individual COGs.
4. Everyone – will think about “rebranding” PACOG with a new name and new acronym.

II. PACOG/PSAB Contract for 2012

At the April 21, 2011 PACOG Board of Delegates Meeting no action was finalized on the 2012 PACOG/PSAB contract. Linda Costa mentioned that just recently, Tom Klaum, Executive Vice

President of PSAB, gave notice that he intends to retire as of December 31, 2011. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to continue with PSAB another year.

◆ *Motion by Kent Gardner, Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, to recommend signing a PSAB/PACOG contract for \$22,000 for calendar year 2012 at the September 11, 2011 PACOG Board of Delegates Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Reeder, Western Cumberland COG, and passed unanimously.*

III. Other Business

- Kent Gardner stated that his COG, the Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee, is looking into joint MS4 permits for the COG. He requested that if anyone has any information on joint permitting or best management processes that they email them to him at kgkkgard@comcast.net.
- Linda Costa asked for clarification/a decision on how to proceed with two requested PACOG website changes:
 - Adding a “counter” to count the number of website “hits” and visibly posting it on the website. Adding words such as “Are you one of the 25,000 people viewing this website?” These changes could potentially be embarrassing if there are not many website “hits”. Decision was made to do internal only counts now, and review the number of “hits” at the September PACOG meeting.
 - Request to include detailed links/addresses for each DCED (www.newpa.com) publication listed. It was noted that the addresses change frequently. Decision was made to include detailed links/addresses anyway. Perhaps a statement such as “If you have difficulty with this link please contact Linda Costa at 717-236-9526, ext. 28 “could be included.
- PACOG 2011 Directory: Linda Costa will contact DCED and ask for monetary compensation, since, per DCED’s request, our 2011 PACOG Directory will now include non-member COGs. Decision was made to post the 2011 Directory on the website, in the “members only” section.
- PACOG Conference: change “The Value of Your COG” session to a panel discussion of successful COG programs. Panel to consist of:
 - Jim Steff – emergency management, refuse/recycling, parks
 - Tom Sauers – UCC, circuit rider, blighted and rental properties
 - Ron Reeder – regional comprehensive plans
 - Ann Simonetti – equipment auction, collective bidding/purchasing, joint rights-of-way
 - Bob Callen – equipment sharing, equipment inventory
- Discussion of Alan Kugler’s contract with PACOG that expires December 31, 2011. Recommendation will be made at the September 11, 2011 PACOG Board of Delegates meeting to renew Alan’s contract for \$2,000 for calendar year 2012. The PACOG Executive Board will assume the task of defining action items for Alan for 2012, with the ultimate goal of finding new revenue for PACOG. The Executive Board will present their recommendations at the September PACOG meeting.

◆ *Motion by Kent Gardner, Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, to pay Alan Kugler’s current invoice of \$1,575. The motion was seconded by Bud Graham, Centre Region COG, and passed unanimously.*

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Costa
PACOG Executive Director