
Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

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President
2. Oath of Office Jim Reed, Executive Director, CTCOG
3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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22. Workforce Centers Louis LeDoux, Workforce Center Chief Operating Officer
23. Executive Director's Report Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director, CTCOG

V. ADJOURN

Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

Thursday, March 09, 2023

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

The January 2023 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by The Honorable Roger Miller, 1st Vice President at 12:23pm.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Judge Randy Hoyer	Lampasas County
1 st Vice President	Judge Roger Miller	Coryell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Commissioner Russel Schneider	Bell County
Parliamentarian	Mr. Ryan Haverlah	City of Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove	Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County
Judge Jody Fauley, San Saba County	Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron	Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County
Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen	Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton
Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County	Judge James Yates, Hamilton County	Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG
Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Connie Quinto, CTCOG

James McGill
Jwana Sartor, CTCOG
Raquel Canava, CTCOG
Louis LeDoux, WFSCT
Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Rebecca Goldstein, Weaver

Anna Barge, CTCOG
Jeannie Skarosi, CTCOG
Becky Cooley, CTCOG
Linda Angel, Workforce Board
Oscar Lopez, Cameron PD
Melonie Mathewson, City of Harker Heights

Helen Hill- Yancey, CTCOG
Diana Rodriguez, CTCOG
Susan Kamas, Workforce Board
Allison Fix, Workforce Board
Bill Schumann, Bell County

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director.

Oath of Office

The CTCOG Executive Committee Oath of Office was administered to the Honorable Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County, by The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County, CTCOG Vice President at 12:26pm.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville, to approve the entirety of the Consent Agenda (Meeting Minutes for October and January, as well as the January 2023 Expenditure Report). Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

02-23-HAP01: A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County, to accept the ratification of Resolution 02-23-HAP01 approving the changes to the Housing Assistance Program Payment Standards that had previously been signed by Jim Reed, AICP, CTCOG Executive Director, and went into effect 02/02/23. Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

03-23-PRS01: A motion was made by Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County, to approve Resolution 03-23-PRS01 approving CTCOG's Criminal Advisory Council (CIAC) membership as detailed in the narrative of the resolution. Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

03-23-PRS02: After a brief explanation of the resolution Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, CTCOG Parliamentarian, raised questions concerning the amounts listed within the resolution's supporting documents. Mr. Jesse Hennage, EMPSA, Assistant Director of Planning and Regional Services, provided a brief explanation by providing more details about the specific monetary values included within the

documents. Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron, made a motion to approve Resolution 03-23-PRS02 Authorizing State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY 2024 Funding. Commissioner Russell Schneider, Bell County, CTCOG Secretary/Treasurer seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Guest Speakers & Presentations

Rebecca Goldstein, CPA, Weaver Pater, Assurance Services gave a presentation detailing the results of the CTCOG 2022 Audit Report. She advised that there were no findings within the report and that CTCOG has conducted business legally and ethically. No questions were raised, however Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County, CTCOG President, made a comment of congratulations and thanked Michael Irvine, CTCOG Director of Administration for leading CTCOG through another year of successful auditing. Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County made a motion to accept the findings of the 2022 CTCOG Audit Report. The Honorable Judge James Yates, Hamilton County, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging: George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC, advised the committee of the status of the March 2023 ADRC Audit, which is ongoing. Mr. Losoya also provided an update on the partnership between AAA/ADVRC and Bell County Health Department on their homebound vaccination education and outreach program, as well as a short briefing on the current state of Medicaid reenrollment and loss of benefits of Central Texas residents may face.

Housing: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, advised the committee that the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) will maintain the 120% payment standard until December 2023 per the HUD Waiver with the ratification of Resolution 02-23-HAP01. Mrs. Lim also briefly touched on staff activity and provided an update on the status of pulling applicants from the waitlist.

Planning and Regional Services: Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, briefed the committee on the current performance of both the Regional Planning and Emergency Planning Services departments as well as the status of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funding status. Mr. Nelson also advised that the previously scheduled Policy Board meeting for March 15, 2023, had been cancelled, however the Policy Board would resume their normal schedule moving forward.

Workforce Development Board: Susan Kamas, Executive Director of WFBCT, provided the committee with a detailed breakdown of the structure and function of the Texas Workforce System. This breakdown included a chart showing the chain of command and flow of power through each level of the system as

well as charts detailing the high demand and targeted occupations of 2023 that WFS is working to fill, it also included a graph showing the process of connecting job seekers to employers through Workforce's various programs and services. Mrs. Kamas also advised the committee of the joint WFSCT and Texas A&M Central Texas Dr, Ray Perryman Event that would be taking place March 23, 2023, from 9:30am – 10:45am at the Bill Yowell Conference Center.

Workforce Solutions Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, briefed the committee on the standing of Texas UI claims for the region as well as the unemployment rates for the region as of 01/28/2023. The total UI claims filed for the week ending 01/28/2023 reached 14,935 and the unemployment rate rests at 3.9. Mr. LeDoux also provided an update on the WSCT Report detailing that a total of 9,177 individuals were seen and 456 entered employment.

Executive Directors Report: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director CTCOG, congratulated Mr. Michael Irvine, Direct of Administration, on another successful audit and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to CTCOG. Mr. Reed also advised the committee that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on April 27, 2023, at the Central Texas Council of Governments building located at 2180 N Main Street, Belton, Texas, 76513.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:38 PM by The Honorable Judge Randy Hoyer.

The Honorable Judge Randall J. Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



Expenditure Report
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023

Descriptions	March Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Personnel	\$ 626,599	\$ 5,062,854	\$ 6,330,408	\$ 1,267,554
Employee Benefits	347,663	2,922,742	3,720,300	797,558
Contract services	514,462	5,076,718	6,532,871	1,456,153
Travel	25,049	204,019	259,681	55,662
Housing Assistance Payments	1,357,509	11,804,009	15,065,132	3,261,123
Other	2,071,153	20,409,550	25,978,712	5,569,162
In-kind	-	33,725	60,648	26,923
Indirect costs	135,193	1,146,946	1,459,932	312,986
Totals	<u>\$ 5,077,628</u>	<u>\$ 46,660,563</u>	<u>\$ 59,407,684</u>	<u>\$ 12,747,121</u>

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**Detail of Other Expenditures
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023**

Descriptions	March Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
Participant Salaries	\$ 11,669	\$ 246,257
FICA Taxes	893	20,631
Workers Compensation	394	6,237
Building Expense	52,007	326,041
Consumable Supplies	6,843	126,399
Employee Development	22,246	401,209
Insurance and Bonding	738	12,451
Rent	85,717	759,495
Printing	1,522	30,321
Furniture/Equipment Rental	5,930	57,949
Maintenance and Repairs	2,001	15,128
Communications	10,765	140,878
Postage	3,500	28,642
Utilities	8,404	81,986
Public Relations	2,290	137,117
Tuition	252,165	1,560,005
Dues and Subscriptions	30,030	81,630
Quality Assurance	24,449	634,127
Other Expenditures	4,248	58,487
Work Related Expense	48,454	476,094
Gasoline	198	1,901
Janitorial	6,428	89,230
Client Rent Payment	2,709	29,202
Client Transportation	40,023	336,875
Client Child Care	1,411,864	14,337,974
Client Utilities/Utility Dep	320	5,468
Other Support Services	13,532	187,004
Client Auto Repairs	-	3,276
Inventory Equipment	-	3,765
Inventory Furniture	-	15,353
Software & Software Updates	21,814	198,419
	<u>\$ 2,071,153</u>	<u>\$ 20,409,550</u>



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
FY 2024 Funds**

03-23-PRS02

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Executive Committee, a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, is desirous of submitting regional grant applications for the State Homeland Security FY 2024 funds through the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. The Central Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region, that the projects below are recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments finds that all activities and related expenses included in these applications will serve to implement the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Public Safety Office; agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the CTCOG assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of Central Texas Council of Governments has reviewed and agrees with the unanimous recommendations of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) regarding the 2024 Homeland Security funding as proposed;

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used only for the purposes for which they are provided. The Authorized official is identified on each application and is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these projects have been recommended for funding:



Grantee Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	HSAC Recommend Amount
Central Texas Council of Governments	Central Texas Council of Governments - Planning	\$121,891.00	\$121,891.00
Central Texas Council of Governments	CTCOG Community Preparedness	\$28,511.58	\$5,000.00
Central Texas Council of Governments	CTCOG Regional Emergency Notification System	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00
Kempner, City of	Axon Fleet 3 In car LPR	\$49,920.00	\$16,640.00
Mills County Sheriff's Office	Cell Phone download	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00
Killeen, City of	Regional Community Preparedness	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Nolanville Police Department	Radio Replacements	\$11,388.72	\$8,369.00
Temple, City of	ST/CP Hazardous Substance Identification Equipment	\$71,200.00	\$50,600.00
Temple, City of	Fire Station Security Enhancements	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00
	Total	\$432,911.30	\$300,000.00

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 9th day of March 2023.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as Older Americans Month

#04-23-AAA01

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, and

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas (AAACT) is administratively responsible for the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for individuals 60 years of age and older who reside in the seven county CTCOG Region, and

WHEREAS, May 2023 has been established as National Older Americans Month with the theme **“Aging Unbound”** the AACT recognizes our need to work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Not limiting our thinking about aging,
- Exploring and combating stereotypes,
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
- Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
- Embracing our community’s diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Texas Council of Governments proclaims May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Central Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 9-15, 2023, AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION**

04-23-PRS01

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is a recipient of State and Federal Funds to and would like to recognize and publicize activities to further acknowledge the hard work and dedication to the Telecommunicators within the seven-county region; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 telecommunicators are rarely seen during emergencies, the men and women serving as public safety telecommunicators throughout our communities are dedicated to saving lives and help to do so every day. These professionals include 9-1-1 operators, dispatchers, and other communications specialists, and are known as the "unseen first responders.", and

WHEREAS, each April, we come together as a region to celebrate those who dedicate their lives to serving the public as 9-1-1 dispatchers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that April 9-15th be declared as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th Day of March, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Peace Officer Memorial Day.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Peace Officer Memorial Day.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Proclamation

BACK-UP DOUCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED *(to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):*

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 15TH 2023 AS
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION
04-23-PRS02**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is an agency that supports Peace Officers and their agencies through education, grants, and other forms of support, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments recognizes the hard work and risk that each Peace Officer puts on the line during every shift, and

WHEREAS, each May, we come together as a community and a nation to remember those who have lost their lives or who have been disabled in the line of duty as declared since signed into law in October 1962;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the 15th of May 2023 be declared as in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th Day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Randall J. Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: FY24 Criminal Justice Application Prioritizations

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This resolution is for the approval of the recommendations from the CTCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) for the FY24 State Homeland Security Program funding through the Office of the Governor (OOG) Public Safety Office (PSO). These recommendations were scored and recommended funding on April 11th and 12th, 2023 by the CTCOG CJAC. Once approved by the CTCOG Executive Committee, the scores and funding amounts will be submitted to the PSO for processing.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: No impact on budget

Source of Funds: **State Homeland Security Program**

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.?

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of resolution

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BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

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BACK-UP DOUCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED *(to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):*

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING State Criminal Justice Programs
FY 2024 Funds**

04-23-PRS02

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Executive Committee, a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, is desirous of submitting regional grant applications for the Criminal Justice FY 2024 funds through the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. The Central Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region, that the projects below are recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments finds that all activities and related expenses included in these applications will serve to implement the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Public Safety Office; agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the CTCOG assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of Central Texas Council of Governments has reviewed and agrees with the unanimous recommendations of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (HSAC) regarding the 2024 Criminal Justice funding as proposed;

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used only for the purposes for which they are provided. The Authorized official is identified on each application and is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these projects have been recommended for funding:

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)			
Name	Project Title	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Milam County	Special Crimes Prosecutor	\$123,355.87	\$67,732.44

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS			
Name	Project Title	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
City of Harker Heights	Heathy Homes Program	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Central Texas	Mental Wellness- Emotional Safety in the Club	\$88,000.00	\$39,878.49



TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS			
Name	Project Title	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Milam County	Youth Intervention Services	\$34,980.00	\$34,980.00
Troy ISD	Truancy Prevention	\$42,256.00	\$42,030.24

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS (DJ) (JAG)			
Name	Project Title	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Milam County	Records and Jail Management System	\$113,202.00	\$67,423.13
City of Belton	In Car Camera Upgrade/Replacement Request	\$136,348.80	\$38,621.29
City of Hamilton	Hamilton Police Dept Public Safety Project	\$123,748.16	\$48,429.84
City of Kempner	Portable Hand-Held Radios	\$54,432.70	\$24,105.84
City of Kempner	Axon Fleet 3 Camera System	\$49,920.00	\$17,651.48
City of Morgan's Point Resort	Portable Radios	\$33,403.07	\$8,160.48
City of Kempner	Kempner Police Dept TPCA Accreditation	\$250,000.00	\$4,599.99

VICTIMS OF CRIMES ACT (VOCA)			
Name	Project Title	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Aware Central Texas	Family Violence unit	\$401,469.96	\$356,456.85
Milam County	Victims Assistance Project	\$112,506.40	\$99,416.27
City of Temple	Crisis Assistance Program	\$113,690.00	\$104,098.42
City of Harker Heights	Rapid Intervention Response	\$18,452.20	\$18,452.20
City of Killeen	Crisis Assistance Program	\$102,258.00	\$92,029.73
Women Against Violence Project	Women Against Violence	\$61,300.00	\$61,300.00
Milam County	Youth Victim Service	\$29,260.00	\$29,260.00
Coryell County	Crime Victims Office	\$119,925.08	\$99,422.12
City of Belton	Belton Victims Assistance Grant	\$96,214.92	\$92,304.02
Families in Crisis	Victim Intervention Program	\$331,787.00	\$236,143.82
Dove Project	Dove Project	\$168,923.18	\$129,905.98
Baylor Scott & White Research Institute	BSW Health Temple Region Forensic Program	\$482,587.00	\$232,076.16
Garden of Hope of Central Texas	Shelter Services-Case Management	\$288,800.00	\$134,998.23
Boys & Girls Club of Central Texas	Parrie Haynes Ranch-The Orphans of Texas	\$124,000.00	\$71,364.60



PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 27th day of April 2023.

Judge Randy Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer

**CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of new DDCT Board Members

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Approval of new DDCT Board members that were accepted on Oct.6, 2022, Jan.5, 2023, and Apr.6 meetings: Brian O'Connor, Director of Nolanville EDC
Jason Johnson, Owner JJ Realty Group
Dexter Morris, City Manager for city of Mullin
Stacey Ybarra, Lampasas Director of Economic Development

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- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☒ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Dominic Elizondo, Economic Development Planner,
dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? Click or tap here to enter text.

PROCUREMENT:

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of new DDCT Board Members

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Y/N?

Y



RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF CENTRAL TEXAS BOARD MEMBERS

04-23-PRS04

WHEREAS, the Development District of Central of Texas (DDCT), An Economic Development District designated by the Economic Development Administration under 13 CFR part 304 with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, is desirous of having representation from cities, economic development districts, chambers of commerce, businesses, and non-profits from urban and rural areas around the DDCT region; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) is to promote economic development planning and strategies within the region; and

WHEREAS, the DDCT Board of Directors made a motion approving new Board members on its regular quarterly meetings on October 6th, 2022, January 5th, and Apr.6th, 2023 with quorum being met; and

WHEREAS, CTCOG's governing body, the Executive Committee's role is to ratify new members of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments finds that the new DDCT Board members will serve to address the needs and bolster the strengths of economic development opportunity in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brian O'Connor, Jason Johnson, Dexter Morris, and Stacey Ybarra have been approved by the Executive Committee to fulfill the role and responsibilities of the CTCOG Development District of Central Texas (DDCT).

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee, this 27th day of April 2023.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



**Development District of Central Texas
Board of Directors**

Central Texas Council of Governments 2180
North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

Thursday, April 6, 2023—9:30 AM

Board Members Present:

Jamie LaDuke: Hamilton EDC
Ted Gonzalez: Central Texas College
Dean Roome: Bartlett Municipal Development District
Cheri Shepherd: Gatesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau
Jim Gibson: Rockdale Municipal Development District
Jason Johnson: JJ Realty Group
Ginger Watkins: Cameron Industrial Foundation

Others Present:

Anna Barge: CTCOG
Dominic Elizondo: CTCOG
Hope Geiger: KTMPO
Connie Quinto: CTCOG
Anita Janke: KTMPO

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ginger Watkins, Chair of the Board, at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

3. Staff Updates.

Dominic Elizondo gave an update about CTCOG activities, including the advertising of the Discover Central Texas website and social media, administration and application for EDA and TxCDBG Community Development Fund grants, and the Central Texas Public Transportation Summit. Mr. Elizondo also provided economic updates for Q1 2023, noting that the unemployment rate for the region had been dropping three consecutive quarters.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of Meeting Minutes from the January 5th, 2023 Meeting.

Ted Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Jason Johnson; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of New Board Members

Two new members were before the Board for approval-Dexter Morris, the city manager of the city of Mullin, and Stacey Ybarra, the economic development director for Lampasas.

Cheri Shepherd made a motion to approve their applications to the Board, and Jim Gibson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of 2023 Leadership Central Texas Applications

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of the Leadership Central Texas and Rural Internship programs advertising, including \$1000 spent on Facebook boosting for advertisement posts, emails sent out to regional contacts, and public notices posted in county courthouses. Mr. Elizondo noted that the list of applications were in the packet. 14 applications were received, which was 6 higher than the 8 received for 2022. Dean Roome made a motion to approve the applications, and it was seconded by Ted Gonzalez; The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Approval of 2023 Rural Internship Program Applications

Dominic Elizondo explained that at the last meeting the Board approved up to two applications for the Program, but if there were more then they would approve based on funding availability from the EDA planning grant budget. Mr. Elizondo showed that if three applications were approved, the Other line item would run out of funds for advertising Discover Central Texas the week of Nov.15-22, but the DDCT would receive a new EDA planning grant for 2024-26 beginning January 2024. The three applicants were the Hamilton EDC, San Saba EDC and Chamber, and the San Saba Chamber for social media marketing and event planning. Ted Gonzalez made a motion to approve the applications, seconded by Jim Gibson; Ginger Watkins and Jamie LaDuke abstained, with the rest of the Board voting to successfully pass the motion.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Implementation

Dominic Elizondo discussed how the Board decided at the CEDS workshop in January to continue discussions on coordinating implementation of CEDS objectives and strategies and metrics to measure success by changing the CEDS agenda item to be a mini-workshop focusing on one objective at a time rather than a staff update on implementation with input from the Board on what to change or new actions to take. The objective the Board was tasked with discussing was to “Develop a strong regionally-based business marketing effort.” Mr. Elizondo demonstrated that staff had addressed the strategy to “Develop a regional brand and marketing plan and unified business attraction messaging effort” by adding industry, workforce, demographic, educational attainment, median income, and other economic data to the CTCOG and DDCT website, including through a Community Profiles document which highlighted the economic assets (e.g. is the city in an Opportunity or Enterprise Zone, what tax incentives are available for new businesses?) of all 32 cities in the region. Mr. Elizondo noted that a previous idea for this strategy at the workshop was to incorporate this data and information into a business section of Discover Central Texas, and opened the floor for any discussion on implementation and metrics for the strategy.

Ted Gonzalez asked how Central Texas was being defined as he discovered that there were different places designated as Central Texas by different entities, and Dominic Elizondo said that it was based off of the CTCOG and DDCT regional designations. Jim Gibson asked if there was any way to rebrand the region to distinguish it from the Greater Central Texas

region, and Mr. Gonzalez said that the greater investment and resulting business ecosystem from Temple to Copperas Cove and surrounding areas is apparent, and that the region's access to rail and proximity to the coastline as well as Fort Hood makes it an attraction. Mr. Elizondo asked if there were any thoughts on how to disseminate or centralize the economic and industry data for the region to market. Ginger Watkins said that without the budget to build a new website, including the data as a link on the Discover Central Texas website would be beneficial and that there is somewhat of a duplication of data, particularly demographic data that is duplicated. Ms. Watkins suggested that the data be centralized and merged so that it is linked to one place. The Board discussed different ideas for branding the region differently based on the centrality theme already used by different COGs and development districts. Jason Johnson noted that with the region's rail, airports and I-35 corridor it makes more sense for the DDCT region to be the Heart of Texas than other regions. Cheri Shepherd noted that the Community Profiles document did not link to EDCs and chambers for every city and Mr. Elizondo said that he would add that, and that the Board should let him know if there is any information in the document to edit or add. Dexter Morris added that Mills County also markets itself as the "True Center" of Texas. Ms. Watkins added that perhaps Discover Central Texas should indicate its association with CTCOG and DDCT so that the reason it is these seven counties is understood. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned that through his work he found that foreign companies had confusion over where they thought Central Texas was located. Mr. Johnson said maybe the branding can be centered around a unifying theme, such as how cities are branded "The music capital of ____."

Ginger Watkins noted that the Opportunity Zone and regional tourism effort strategies under the objective were complete or ongoing, but that the Fort Hood talent base marketing was a strategy that should be incorporated with the business attraction. Dominic Elizondo said that the unifying theme for the region could be the military talent base. Mr. Gonzalez said that businesses he sees that have a difficult time hiring employees turn to veterans since they are used to working in harsh conditions and dealing with responsibilities.

Dean Roome asked if staff had looked at what other regions are doing as far as marketing their region and if there is any avenue for doing a combined marketing effort. Dominic Elizondo said that staff had not directly cooperated with other COGs on projects, but would look at if there is any possibility for collaboration on marketing for the broader Central Texas region.

Ginger Watkins said that the TAP has good information regarding veteran talent. Anna Barge said that staff needed a good contact for the TAP and innovative ideas for working with Fort Hood. Ms. Watkins said the best partners for working with Fort Hood would be the Killeen Chamber.

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of audience engagement and insights for Discover Central Texas, noting that the audience was largely women 35-54 located in Temple, Killeen, and out of region cities. The ads have reached 39,000 people and the Facebook advertisement has received 937 engagements, with the page receiving 1600 page likes over 60 days.

The next CEDS objective the DDCT Board will cover will be "Strengthen the conditions for growth of new and existing businesses."

9. Discussion Item: Regarding Furthering TDA and TDHCA Fair Housing Efforts

Dominic Elizondo explained that CTCOG was a recipient of TDA Community Economic Development Assistance Funds (CEDAF), and one of the eligible expenses for the funding was holding a fair housing event. The fair housing event can be a Board discussion of implementing and supporting fair housing efforts, so Mr. Elizondo provided a presentation on the Fair Housing Act and ways in which communities that receive TxCDBG funds must and ways non-recipients can further fair housing efforts in their communities, including by passing a fair housing resolution, including fair housing in the city code, and hosting a workshop for property owners. Mr. Elizondo asked what fair housing measures Board members have seen implemented in their city, what they might try and implement in the future, and what barriers they may see to fair housing in their community. Jason Johnson said that the biggest barrier Morgan's Point Resort faces is that most properties are on septic and there are lots that can't be used because of it. Dexter Morris said that Mullin's biggest issue is the complete lack of affordable housing; it is difficult to address fair housing if the supply is not there in the first place. Jamie LaDuke noted that Hamilton had 77 lots but they have no infrastructure for city utilities, so cannot yet be used for housing. Mr. Johnson said that when it comes to fair housing one of the biggest issues low opportunity people face is that for most of the loans they are able to obtain to purchase homes the house has to be in good shape. There may be homes available but low-income people will not be able to afford a conventional mortgage and options such as FHA loans will not cover dilapidated properties. Mr. Johnson suggested cities provide an opportunity for sellers to fix their house with an incentive, and that that would massively improve the supply of affordable housing. Stacey Ybarra suggested compiling a list of dilapidated properties in a city and ensuring that a property is up to code or otherwise would qualify for loans for low income people. Jim Gibson stated that fair housing was a little different from affordable housing, and that many cities simply pass a resolution recognizing Fair Housing Month. Dominic Elizondo said that affordable housing was definitely a topic that needs to be addressed and could be in conjunction with fair housing; cities can add a fair housing component to their city code to be able to have the issue addressed whenever their affordable housing efforts bring in more low income/opportunity buyers and leasers. Ted Gonzalez asked if CTCOG took the lead on implementing fair housing efforts or cities and counties, and Dominic Elizondo said it would be entirely up to cities and counties though CTCOG disseminates information on what activities could help in those efforts and what resources are available, as well as declare Fair Housing Month for April. Ted Gonzalez said that when he first moved into the area around Baylor the city had passed a law helping homeowners secure a certain mortgage interest rate, and it helped him and others in deciding to live there. Cheri Shepherd said that in her community there are a lot of landlords that own one or two properties that sometimes are not professional and aware of fair housing laws. Ms. Shepherd asked if there are some resources to tap into for consultants to use to conduct Fair Housing workshops, and Mr. Elizondo said that he would look into it to provide for the Board, but the city is able to run those workshops themselves as well.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Regional Broadband Initiatives

Anna Barge discussed the Texas Broadband Development Office's Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) program, which does not have any DDCT communities eligible to apply based on the state broadband maps, which indicate what Census blocks have less than 25 Mbps/3 Mbps speeds. Ms. Barge noted that Milam County had done a good job of facilitating broadband development, and that there are other broadband resources available for funding.

Jamie LaDuke asked why there were no areas eligible in our region, and Ms. Barge and Dominic Elizondo said that data from the service providers indicated no Census block met the 25 Mbps/3 Mbps threshold and that a dispute process is open for the maps.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding Federal and State Legislative Updates Pertaining to Economic Development

Anna Barge discussed the opening of the Texas legislature session and several bills of relevance to economic development, including HB 2127 relating to State preemption for regulations on agriculture, finance, labor, and natural resources, SB 42 for allowing call ins to meetings to count for quorum under the Open Meetings Act, HB 3812 for establishing a Texas Infrastructure Fund for water, ports, broadband, highways, toll roads, bridges, aviation, rail and more, SB 28 for additional funding for the Texas Water Development Board.

12. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Grant Opportunities

Dominic Elizondo provided an update on State and Federal grant opportunities and their eligible projects and match, including the TxCDBG Community Development Fund and Downtown Revitalization Program, the EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs, and the USDA Community Connect Grant.

Ted Gonzalez asked what the deadline for the EDA Public Works grant and Dominic Elizondo responded that applications were accepted on an ongoing basis. Mr. Gonzalez asked if CTCOG would be able to assist with applications or working out projects for the grant, and Mr. Elizondo said that staff could definitely assist in any way possible.

13. Board of Directors' Comments.

Ginger Watkins welcomed the two new members to the Board and thanked everyone for coming in person. Dexter Morris thanked the Board and stated that Mullin was working on a five-year plan, and that the DDCT's work went nicely with their efforts. Mr. Morris discussed ranch land being divided up into multi-acre parcels for the development of the city. Jim Gibson noted that Rockdale had been utilizing ChatGPT for a targeted industry analysis. Dominic Elizondo noted that in research for Quiet Zone efficacy ChatGPT provided incorrect or non-existent data, and said that people should be wary of taking information as true every time AI is used. Cheri Shepherd said ChatGPT had provided inaccurate but very fast information for articles as well. Ginger Watkins said she used the Buffer app to post on all social media platforms simultaneously, and it helped saved time in her marketing work for Cameron.

14. Discuss agenda items for next meeting on Thursday, July 6th, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

15. Adjourned at 10:54 AM

Ginger Watkins, DDCT Chair

Uryan Nelson, Planning Director



**Development District of Central Texas
Board of Directors**

Central Texas Council of Governments 2180
North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

Thursday, October 6, 2022—9:30 AM

Board Members Present:

Jamie LaDuke: Hamilton EDC
Ted Gonzalez: Central Texas College
Brian O'Connor: Nolanville EDC
Ginger Watkins: Cameron Industrial Foundation
Dean Roome: Bartlett Municipal Development District
Cynthia Hernandez: Belton EDC
Cheri Shepherd: Gatesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau
Bobby Whitson: Bell County Commissioner's Court

Others Present:

Uryan Nelson: CTCOG
Anna Barge: CTCOG
Dominic Elizondo: CTCOG
Hope Geiger: CTCOG
Connie Quinto: CTCOG
Anita Janke: CTCOG
Thomas Butterfield: Office of the Governor Office of Economic Development and Tourism
Dan Kelleher: City of Temple Main Street Program

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Ginger Watkins, Chair of the Board, at 9:31 AM. A quorum was present.
2. **Public Comments.** No public comments were made.
3. **Staff Updates.**

Dominic Elizondo gave an update about CTCOG activities, including the completion of the Discover Central Texas website and app, the Opportunity Zone Summit, economic development newsletters, the Small Town Summit series, plans for an EDA FIRE event in early 2023, 2022-26 CEDS implementation, plans for a Transportation and Opportunity Zone Summit and other economic updates from Workforce Solutions' Economic Snapshot for Q3 of 2022.
4. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the July 7, 2022, Meeting.

Ted Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of New Board Members

A new member were before the Board for approval-Brian O'Connor, the new director of the Morgan's Point Resort EDC. Cynthia Hernandez made a motion to approve his applications to the Board, and Ted Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding Texas Main Street Program

Dan Kelleher, the Temple Main Street Program Administrator provided an overview of the Main Street Program in Temple. The Main Street Program allows various stakeholders in a city (businesses, governments, non-profits, residents, etc.) to have a unified vision for developing its downtown. It utilizes the National Main Street Program's four point approach to downtown improvement: design, promotion, economic vitality, and organization, to implement historic preservation efforts that spur economic development. Temple has a Main Street Advisory Board with four committees for each of these points which meet monthly. The Promotion Committee deals with any promotion for activities and advertising, as well as assisting businesses with marketing plans. The Economic Vitality Committee works to keep and expand businesses, connect business owners with property owners, and work to attract new businesses. The Design Committee works with everything in the physical or built environment, reporting on building improvements. The Organization Committee deals with bylaws, meeting schedules, and community outreach initiatives. When a city becomes certified as a Main Street city it is given access to the staff from the State Main Street Office, including designers, architects, and economic development staff. Businesses can fill out a form and send photos of their business to the State and the design team will provide a free design for restoration. Temple has a Strategic Investment Zone (SIZ) which provides match for grants businesses apply for. Temple's Main Street Program also offers "targeted persuasion" and training for businesses, and collaborative promotions. Mr. Kelleher showed several examples of new development and historic preservation in Temple. He explained that all Main Street cities sign an annual agreement with the Texas Main Street Program, submit quarterly activity and reinvestment reports, and an annual six-standard report. Cities that score high on these reports become nationally accredited. The six standards are: A broad based community commitment, active leadership and organizational capacity, diverse funding and sustainable program operations, strategy driven programming, preservation based economic development, and demonstrated impact and results. The application process requires that the city create a Main Street Manager position. All new Main Street Cities receive a visit from the First Lady of Texas. Anita Janke asked what impacts and results are measured by the standards, and Mr. Kelleher said that they look at examples of successful programs or programs that have grown over the past year, as well as examples of preservation of buildings, community, outreach, etc. Dominic Elizondo asked how façade improvements and other programs are funded. Mr. Kelleher said that every city does it differently, but Temple has a Redevelopment Zone (RZ), which is a Tax Increment Finance Zone, in its downtown. He also mentioned that some cities use hotel occupancy tax.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Texas Enterprise Zone Program

Thomas Butterfield, a Finance Specialist with the Office of the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office, provided an overview of how local communities can use the

Texas Enterprise Zone Program. This Program provides sales and use tax refunds to businesses to encourage investment and job creation in economically distressed areas of the State. Cities nominate businesses for the program and they are eligible to receive refunds based on their investment for up to five years. Businesses may reapply after this term. Six businesses are allowed to be designated in the Program per fiscal biennium for cities with less than 250,000 people and nine for cities with a population of 250,000 or more. Application deadlines are quarterly in September, December, March, and June. Enterprise Zones are Census Block Groups where at least 20% of the area are at or below poverty level, are classified as a Federally Designated Renewal Community, Federal Empowerment Zone, or Federal Enterprise Community, is an area located in a Distressed County (none in the DDCT region are Distressed), or are in the boundaries of a defense base development authority. Qualified businesses must be located in the Zone and 25% of new permanent jobs must be held by residents of the Enterprise Zone, economically disadvantaged individuals, and veterans. If located outside the Zone, it must be 35%. Businesses must apply to the city to be nominated for the Zone, and if nominated the application goes to the State to be approved and the Project moves to the Comptroller's Office. If the Project meets the requirements of the Program, the business receives sales tax refunds. Since FY 2016 the Program has averaged 51 project designations per fiscal year, more than \$4.7 billion in investment, and created or retained more than 50,000 jobs. Ted Gonzalez asked if the 76% of all jobs created or retained being in manufacturing was in the State as a whole or just the DDCT region, with Mr. Butterfield responding that it was for the State. Cynthia Hernandez asked if this Program could only be accessed by an existing company, not a development project. Mr. Butterfield stated a construction company could apply but they couldn't count contracted labor towards the requirement, but the funds towards construction could count towards the sales tax refund. Mrs. Hernandez asked if the Zone designations were automatic based off of the demographics or if there was an application process. Mr. Butterfield said that the Zones are updated every ten years based off of Census poverty data.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Implementation

Ginger Watkins congratulated staff for the monitoring and tracking of the CEDS implementation. Dominic Elizondo gave an update on the implementation of several high priority strategies in the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Matrix. One strategy was developing a regionally based tourism brand, which was being developed with the Discover Central Texas project. shot footage at cities and towns across the region to use on the website for events and CTCOG and RGVision completed the development of the website and app, and CTCOG is now working on advertising for the website on social media. CTCOG hired a new VISTA who will work on things like marketing and search engine optimization for the site. The next strategy in the Action Plan Matrix for the CEDS was to hold an Opportunity Zone Summit. Dominic Elizondo provided a draft agenda for the Summit, to be held on Oct.7, which will include representatives from three Opportunity Zone Funds giving overviews on their investment areas and projects, and cities with Opportunity Zones in a panel discussing potential areas for investment. Mr. Elizondo also showed a list of questions for the panel that will be asked, including asking what current investments exist in the Zone, and what plans there are for future investment. Anna Barge gave an overview of the Small Town Summit series as hour long webinars every other week covering topics such as digital literacy, CTCOG services, emergency preparedness, and downtown development. The next two Summits will be later in October and November over

economic development and tourism. Anna Barge also noted that staff was working with Hiring our Heroes to host a Military Spouse Networking event with employers, which is planned to be held in November. Kolin Yancey spoke on the CEDS strategy dealing with creating marketing materials for CTCOG. He has created a one page document detailing the services each CTCOG department offers, which will be sent out to city managers and posted on social media once approved. Dominic Elizondo covered the strategy for creating a Central Texas regional brand for businesses. He discussed the 2022-26 CEDS' Appendix F, which detailed steps on regional marketing for business attraction, including formalizing an identity and identifying assets. Mr. Elizondo showed the CTCOG site in the Regional Economy and Regional Demographics menus, which had been updated with 2020 Census demographic and Workforce Solutions data on employment, industry, occupation wages, educational, ethnicity, median household income, and major employers.

9. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of use of EDA Planning Grant Funds for Discover Central Texas Advertising

Dominic Elizondo said that staff had receive confirmation from the EDA that the DDCT would be able to use the EDA three year Planning grant "Other Expenditures" line item for advertising as it would fall under "Program outreach and other specific purposes necessary to meet the requirements of the award." Mr. Elizondo said that staff as well as VISTA Kolin Yancey researched advertising cost estimates for Facebook, Google, and billboards. He showed a breakdown of the costs, finding that Facebook was cheaper with lower estimated monthly clicks compared to Google, but was able to target demographics that click on the ad more. Billboards would cost anywhere from \$669-\$7,000 per month depending on the location with limited ability to gauge efficacy. Mr. Elizondo broke down the line items where funds could be transferred to "Other Expenditures," finding that a total of \$7,622 would be available for the line item. Uryan Nelson asked if staff would be able to receive reports on metrics and who has clicked on the ads. Mr. Elizondo said he believed there would be monthly metrics reports, with Anita Janke stating that each post can have its individual metrics tracked. Ted Gonzalez asked if Facebook cast the widest net, and Mr. Elizondo said you are able to select what demographics and locations to target, but it can adjust based on who is actually clicking the ad. Cynthia Hernandez asked if staff had looked on Instagram and if DDCT should look into doing billboard since a domain can be used for the billboard to track the visitors we're receiving. Mr. Elizondo said that staff had not done a cost estimate for Instagram since a Discover Central Texas Instagram had not been created yet (after this meeting it was found that Facebook ads automatically post to Instagram). Mr. Nelson said the motion can be for moving funds to the line item rather than choosing a specific social media platform in case a better option was found. Cheri Shepherd asked if there was a dedicated staff member as social media manager, with Mr. Elizondo saying that Mr. Yancey would be the point of contact for all social media associated with Discover Central Texas. Mrs. Watkins said that it would be important to respond to comments on social media as well. Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the moving of the funds, and Mrs. Hernandez seconded the motion.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Regional Broadband Initiatives

Anna Barge briefly discussed various broadband opportunities and initiatives for the region. The State Broadband Plan was mentioned and Mrs. Barge said that there would be future funding opportunities through the Plan down the road. Mr. Nelson said that at the Texas Association of Regional Councils Economic Development Committee, a representative from Connected Nation spoke about funding opportunities from NTIA and the State Broadband Office, and that as that information comes out, it will be shared with the region.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding Federal and State Legislative Updates Pertaining to Economic Development

Mrs. Barge discussed the programs funded by the recently signed Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA). The RAISE Grant NOFO for FY 2023 will be opening in Fall of 2022.

12. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Grant Opportunities

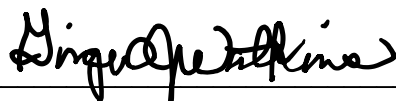
Dominic Elizondo provided an update on State and Federal grant opportunities, including the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Technology grant from USDOT for pilot projects of advanced technology in public transportation, FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant for improving resiliency in public infrastructure, the Reconnecting Communities Program for removing mobility barriers, the USDA Reconnect Program round 4 for acquiring and constructing infrastructure for broadband-at least 50% of the households in the service area should have access to 10 Mbps and 1 Mbps upload to be eligible for the grants/loans, as well as the USDA Community Connect grant program for construction and acquisition of broadband infrastructure, the USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Program and Intermediary Relending Program for financing revolving loan funds for microentrepreneurs and economic development, the Office of the Governor's Texas Travel Industry Recovery Grant Programs with hotels, motels, and beds and breakfasts being eligible for up to \$20,000 in grants for October, and the Texas Veterans Commission's General Assistance Grants for developing employment support, financial assistance, temporary housing, transportation assistance, and entrepreneurship training for veterans.

13. Board of Directors' Comments.

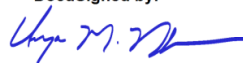
There were no comments.

14. Discuss agenda items for next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5th, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

15. Adjourned at 11:20 AM



Ginger Watkins, DDCT Chair

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Uryan Nelson, Planning Director



Development District of Central Texas

Board of Directors

Central Texas Council of Governments 2180

North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

Thursday, January 5, 2023—9:30 AM

Board Members Present:

Jamie LaDuke: Hamilton EDC

Ted Gonzalez: Central Texas College

Brian O'Connor: Nolanville EDC

Dean Roome: Bartlett Municipal Development District

Cynthia Hernandez: Belton EDC

Cheri Shepherd: Gatesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Charley Ayres: Workforce Solutions of Central Texas

Jim Gibson: Rockdale Municipal Development District

Michael Boyd: City of Killeen

Others Present:

Uryan Nelson: CTCOG

Anna Barge: CTCOG

Dominic Elizondo: CTCOG

Hope Geiger: KTMPO

Connie Quinto: CTCOG

Anita Janke: KTMPO

James McGill: KTMPO

Linda Bridges: City of Morgan's Point Resort

Jason Johnson: JJ Realty Group

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Hernandez, Vice Chair of the Board, at 9:31 AM. A quorum was present.

2. **Public Comments.** No public comments were made.

3. **Staff Updates.**

Dominic Elizondo gave an update about CTCOG activities, including the advertising of the Discover Central Texas website and social media, the Opportunity Zone Summit, economic development newsletters, the Milam County Annex grant completion, EDA grant administration for Belton and Cameron, plans for an EDA FIRE event in early 2023, and other economic updates from Workforce Solutions' Economic Snapshot for Q3 of 2022. Uryan Nelson provided an update on the \$1.7 trillion appropriations bill for FY 2023, including \$800 billion in non-defense funding. Agriculture and rural development has nearly \$4 billion allocated to it, including \$455 million for broadband infrastructure; there is also \$1.7 billion for rural water and wastewater

infrastructure, business and industry loan funding, and \$11.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Commerce (including \$498 million for the EDA). Cynthia Hernandez asked if our rural communities are active in applying for resources like this and if they are able to meet local matches. Mr. Nelson responded that for some programs communities are able to utilize in kind labor or waivers to meet matches, but another hindrance is the amount of staff time and work to complete grant applications. Mr. Nelson said CTCOG staff may assist where needed to help with grants. Ms. Hernandez suggested that when a notice is sent out of what is being funded by the appropriations bill that staff also let cities know that they are there as a resource for applying.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 6th, 2022 Meeting.

Michael Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Jamie LaDuke; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of New Board Member

A new member was before the Board for approval-Jason Johnson, the owner of JJ Realty Group in Morgan's Point Resort, as a replacement for Stan Briggs. Mr. Johnson introduced himself to the Board. Jamie LaDuke made a motion to approve his application to the Board, and Michael Boyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Approval of 2023 Leadership Central Texas and Rural Internship Programs

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of the Leadership Central Texas and Rural Internship programs. Mr. Elizondo noted the only difference in the applications for 2023 was the deadline, now Mar.31, and the dates. Mr. Elizondo said that if they were approved, marketing could begin for the program.

Cynthia Hernandez asked how many applicants Leadership Central Texas had for 2022 and how it was marketed before. Mr. Elizondo said that there were 8 applicants in 2022 and notification of the program was sent out to city managers, county secretaries, EDCs, and Chambers, advertised in the Temple Daily Telegram and Killeen Herald, as well as posted on Facebook. Ms. Hernandez asked if the requirement was that participants must have previously attended a local leadership program and Mr. Elizondo clarified that there are three requirements, one being if they participated in a prior program and another including anyone with an interest in becoming a leader in the region. Ms. Hernandez asked how many students participated in the Rural Internship Program last year, and Mr. Elizondo said only one since the Kay Theatre at Rockdale had to return their scholarship since they could not obtain an intern. Mr. Elizondo also noted that a change in the Rural Internship Program for 2023 was that the requirement that the city population of the applicant be 20,000 or less is now based off of the 2020 Census. Michael Boyd asked what the participation goal was for Leadership Central Texas and Mr. Elizondo stated that there was no specific number CTCOG was looking for, but they would like more. Mr. Boyd suggested 20-25 participants as a goal. Cynthia Hernandez said that the initial idea for Leadership Central Texas was that it would function as the regional step up to local leadership programs and that staff should take note of how and to who the program is being promoted, maybe by visiting local leadership program graduations and reaching out to graduates. Uryan Nelson said promotion should be easier this year with CTCOG's more active social media presence. Dominic Elizondo said it was a possibility to advertise the program

through paid advertising on Facebook, similar to Discover Central Texas. Ms. Hernandez said that Leadership Central Texas was a great way to introduce rural community members to what regional resources are available, with Charley Ayres emphasizing that it shows participants the scope of what central Texas is, rather than just thinking in terms of their local communities. Mr. Ayres then asked when the last time the hourly rate for the Rural Internship Program was evaluated and Mr. Elizondo responded that interns were not required to be paid \$7.25 an hour and that the wording in the application was to give applicants an idea of how many hours the intern could work. Mr. Ayres suggested changing the scholarship up to \$1,000 and maybe reducing the number of awardees to two instead of four. Ms. Hernandez said that the program was not receiving many applicants and she was not sure if that was a result of the scholarship only being \$500. Mr. Elizondo noted he was also unsure as the program is marketed the same as Leadership Central Texas. Jason Johnson asked if there was a limit on the number of interns an awardee could have and Mr. Elizondo stated there was none, but the scholarship would have to be split up among the interns. Mr. Ayres suggested marketing the program to school districts as well. Mr. Nelson asked if there was one individual at Workforce Solutions that staff could send information to to distribute among CTE programs in schools. Mr. Ayres said that staff could send it to him and Workforce Solutions could distribute it. Jamie LaDuke asked if the number of awardees would be limited to two or if there were more applicants would they be accepted. Mr. Elizondo said that there would be money in the DDCT budget to accept more, and Mr. Nelson suggested that if there are more applicants that the Board decides whether to approve the additional applications based on the budget. Jim Gibson said that \$500 was too low as from a competitive standpoint students would be asked to give up a large part of their summer to work for a small amount instead of working a job that pays more. Ms. Hernandez suggested the idea of the program was not to compete with a job since overall the amount of hours they work would be small and the purpose would be to supplement economic development activity for a city. Ms. LaDuke said removing the hourly rate wording in the application and adding in the word "stipend." Mr. Ayres said it would be better to outline the rate students would be paid hourly up front to attract more, and Mr. Elizondo noted that since the program is marketed to cities staff didn't have a required hourly rate in the marketing as the awardees would market their own hourly rate to students directly. Ms. Hernandez said that the application could include an hourly range requirement so that students aren't spending the whole summer on a project and the student knows how long he or she would be working as an intern. Ms. Hernandez suggested two \$1,000 scholarships with a range of 60 to 100 hours and the Board voiced agreement. A motion to approve both applications, including the removal of the hourly rate example and changing 2010 Census to 2020 as well as the scholarship increase and hourly range in the Rural Internship Application was made by Cheri Shepherd. Motion was seconded by Michael Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Implementation

Dominic Elizondo gave an overview on the implementation of the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Matrix throughout 2022, including the top five accomplishments: the Small Town Summit series, Veteran Employer Summit, Opportunity Zone Summit, the Newly Elected Officials Class, and Discover Central Texas. Mr. Elizondo noted that an ad campaign was started for Discover Central Texas after approval at the October meeting for \$10/day ads, resulting in 23,284 people being reached by the ads. Mr. Elizondo explained that around Dec.11 likes and visits to the Discover Central Texas page increased greatly due to the target audiences being changed to Texas and surrounding states.

The page had 1,415 visits and 711 likes. Many of the followers of the page were 35-54 year old females, due to Facebook users being skewed towards that demographic. Mr. Elizondo said that the Board can look at the long form accomplishments document with a list of everything accomplished, what strategies are recurring each year, and which staff is currently working on. Mr. Elizondo said that the CEDS Workshop would be Jan. 12th and the Board will determine what objectives and strategies are priorities and what specifically they would like staff to do to implement strategies, as well as amend the CEDS if needed.

Cynthia Hernandez said she wanted to know if attendance was good for the summits staff held and if surveys were sent afterwards. Connie Quinto responded that no formal surveys were sent for feedback afterwards, only more information and copies of presentations, though some attendees sent feedback. Jim Gibson asked if EDA grants required that projects need to be aligned with the CEDS to which Uryan stated they did need to be aligned. Anna Barge noted that there were 122 attendees across all Small Town Sessions.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Regional Broadband Initiatives

Dominic Elizondo briefly discussed the State Broadband Plan and plans for a new grant program. The FCC also released new broadband maps and were receiving comments until mid-January. The NTIA also awarded \$8.1 million to Texas for the BEAD program to plan for deploying broadband.

Charley Ayres asked about the situation with Bell County and broadband, and Uryan Nelson said that a couple of years ago CTCOG applied for funding to do a regional broadband plan but the EDA ran out of funding for the project, but Bell and Coryell counties were now working with a consultant selected by CTCOG to plan for deploying broadband. The other counties will be working with CTCOG to obtain funding for broadband initiatives.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding Federal and State Legislative Updates Pertaining to Economic Development

Dominic Elizondo discussed the IIJA and ARPA, and the opening of the Texas legislature session.

Cynthia Hernandez asked if staff were members of TEDC because they provide information on legislative actions relevant to economic development and staff responded that they were not but would look into receiving their updates.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Updates on Grant Opportunities

Dominic Elizondo provided an update on State and Federal grant opportunities and their eligible projects and match, including the TxCDBG Community Development Fund and Downtown Revitalization Program, the USDOT RAISE grant, the FEMA BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, and the TWDB State Water Implementation Fund (SWIFT).

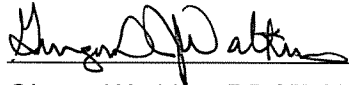
Cynthia Hernandez asked if RAISE projects have to be on the KTMPO Metropolitan Transportation plan, and Uryan Nelson responded that they did not have to be.

11. Board of Directors' Comments.

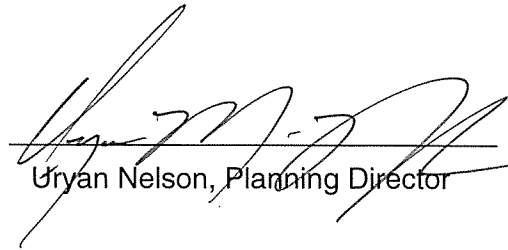
Ted Gonzalez asked if CTCOG had done any type of impact study for certain types of businesses coming in the region and around such as Samsung in Taylor, and how it might impact areas such as in real estate and broadband. Dominic Elizondo said he would look at Williamson County and see if they had any type of study done for their county. Cynthia Hernandez said that Belton's area is seeing an impact on business and investment growth due to Samsung and Meta.

12. Discuss agenda items for next meeting on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

13. Adjourned at 11:20 AM



Ginger Watkins, DDCT Chair



Bryan Nelson, Planning Director



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Distracted Driving Awareness Month

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Proclamation

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS
DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION**

04-23-PRS05

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is a hosts the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO), the Hill Country Transit District, and the Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group which all address transportation issues across the central Texas region, and

WHEREAS, the increased distracted driving leads to too many deaths, injuries, and property destruction across the region, and

WHEREAS, each April, we come together as a community and a nation to remember all those who have lost their lives due to distracted driving and encourage others to put down their devices and focus on the road and remember the national campaign, "U Drive, U Text, U Pay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of April 2023 be declared as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring April 22nd as Earth day in the Central Texas Region.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Earth Day.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Proclamation

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22nd AS
EARTH DAY
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION
04-23-PRS06**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments houses several programs that address environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day in 1970 helped lead to the creation of the EPA and the passage of environmental laws, and

WHEREAS, each April 22nd, we come together as a community and a nation to celebrate the anniversary of the first Earth Day and commit to continuing the efforts of protecting and conserving our one Earth, our home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the date of April 22nd be declared as Earth Day in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring April as Sustainable Environment Month
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Sustainable Environment Month

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Proclamation

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT MONTH
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION**

04-23-PRS07

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is a recipient of Texas Commission on Environmental (TCEQ) Program funds and is required to implement the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the regional solid waste management plan and the state solid waste management plan before final reimbursement under the current contract's expiration on August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 1970, was the first nation-wide Earth Day devoted to environmental awareness and education that was celebrated by an estimated 20 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, this day of environmental awareness and education is celebrated world-wide in some 180 countries, with the participation of over 4,000 separate organizations; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, individuals and institutions have a mutual responsibility to seek ecological, economical and ethical choices that enable the world, as well as our individual communities, to establish and maintain sustainable societies; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 53rd anniversary of the Earth Day movement, let it be known that the Central Texas Council of Governments encourages the citizens, businesses, institutions, and communities within the region to be committed to environmental preservation and sustainability in its own practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of April 2023 be declared as Sustainable Environment Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring May as Clean Air Month.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Clean Air Month.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Proclamation

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2023 AS
CLEAN AIR MONTH
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION
04-23-PRS08**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is an agency that promotes clean air across its Central Texas Region through various initiatives and assisting local entities for funding to address air pollution, and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act of 1963 was enacted to control air pollution and increase quality and length of life of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, each May, we come together as a community and a nation to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the Clean Air Act and recommit to that goal which inspired us to reduce air pollution through using cleaner transportation, reducing noise pollution, creating a cleaner environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of May 2023 be declared as Clean Air Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

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Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring May 8-12, 2023 as Economic Development Week.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for Economic Development Week.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 8-12 AS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION
04-23-PRS09**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is a recipient of Economic Development Administration grants to administer the Development District of Central Texas and other programs through the region, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas region addresses economic development from a multifactor approach to create a robust regional economy, and

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council in 2016 to increase awareness of local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and improve the quality of life in communities everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that May 8-12th, 2022 be declared as Economic Development Week in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th Day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commsioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation National Bike Month.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Proclamation for National Bike Month.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Connie Quinto

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2023 AS
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH
IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION
04-23-PRS10**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments promotes healthy and environmentally friendly activities including biking, and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists have established National Bike Month as a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, and as essential to our well-being and everyday lives, and

WHEREAS, each May, we come together as a community and a nation to celebrate the National Bike Month, Bike to Work Week (May 15-21, 2023) and Bike to Work Day (May 19, 2023);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of May 2023 be declared as National Bike Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2023 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Judge Randall J Hoyer, President

Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer