

**Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022, 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Brenda Kupchick, (Jared Schmitt, Proxy) Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman Laura Hoydick, Mayor arrived at 10:08	Fairfield Monroe Trumbull Stratford
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director Meghan Sloan, Planning Director Devin Clarke, Transportation Planner	MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG
Ellen Graham	Blumenthal

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:35 am. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following were present:

From the board:

Mayor Hoydick, Stratford

First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull

Mr. Schmitt, Proxy for First Selectwoman Kupchick, Fairfield

First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe

Mr. Flatto, Proxy for Mayor Ganim, Bridgeport

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. February 24, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick – yes

First Selectman Tesoro – yes

Mr. Flatto – yes

First Selectman Kellogg – yes

Mr. Schmitt – abstained

The motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

IV. Action Items

a. Bridgeport Environmental Task Force – Coal Plant Re-use Study

A motion to approve the resolution was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda briefly explained the resolution and noted that the PSEG Site Reuse Planning Study would be funded in part by the Community Environment Benefit Fund.

Mr. Flatto appreciated MetroCOG's consideration and noted that the Bridgeport Office of Policy and Development was working with MetroCOG on the study.

Mr. Fulda added that the study was a comprehensive short- and long-term reuse study.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. U.S. EDA – Coal Plant Re-Use Study

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Mayor Hoydick.

Mr. Fulda explained that the EDA funding would supplement the nonfederal portion of funding. Mr. Fulda expressed his appreciation of municipal staff and elected officials for participation in the economic development strategy over the past two years. A CEDS was required for the EDA funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. Town of Monroe – GIS On-call Services

A motion to authorize the professional services agreement with Monroe was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

First Selectman Kellogg explained that this agreement would expand MetroCOG's GIS support in Monroe.

Mr. Fulda added that this agreement was slightly different from the previous agreement because it included general GIS Services.

There was a brief discussion regarding the abstention of First Selectman Kellogg from voting on this matter and it was decided that Mr. Fulda would get a legal opinion from MetroCOG's general counsel regarding votes benefiting individual Municipalities.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick – yes
 First Selectman Tesoro – yes
 Mr. Flatto – yes
 First Selectman Kellogg – abstained
 Mr. Schmitt – yes

The motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

d. Contract Plating (Town of Stratford) – EPA RLF Subgrant

A motion approving the subgrant for contract plating in Stratford was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Carleton explained the need for additional funding.

First Selectman Kellogg noted that it was a worthy project.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

a. Financials

Ms. Kelleher discussed the financials noting that projects through June have been included and operations were well under budget. Ms. Kelleher noted that funding for RSG was received, and the 4th quarter request was being submitted on April 1st.

b. Regional Firing Range

Mr. Fulda explained that Bridgeport had been considering donating equipment to WestCOG's municipalities toward a firing range, but is now further along in selecting a site and utilizing the equipment itself. Mr. Fulda would like to gather interest from local police departments about utilizing Bridgeport for training.

There was interest among the board pending participation costs and further discussions.

First Selectman Kellogg requested adding a standing item for the Infrastructure Act to the agenda.

There was a brief discussion about creating a comprehensive list of bridges and culverts and maximizing competitive funding by working together regionally.

c. 2022 Calendar & Next Meeting Dates:

- i. April 28, 2022
- ii. May 26, 2022

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary