

## 4.16.2021 NHAC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

- a. Piper calls the meeting to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business at 1:02 PM.
- b. Horgan explains that the meeting is in compliance with 91-A, emergency orders, and has been publicly noticed.
- c. Horgan calls the roll: Omer Ahern Jr., David Berry, Mark Brave (via Bower proxy), Chris Coates (via Trombly proxy), Suzanne Collins, Ross Cunningham, Andrew Dorsett, Robert Englund (via Trombly proxy), Derek Ferland, Jennifer Fish, George Hebert, Jason Henry, Chris Heroux, Kathryn Kindopp (via Trombly proxy), Carolyn Kirby, Alison Kivikoski, Julie Libby, Matt Lagos, Sara Lewko (via Trachy proxy), George Maglaras (via Bower proxy), Laura Mills, Ben Nelson, Chuck Nickerson, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Matthew Plache, Deanna Rollo (via Bower proxy), Peter Spanos, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello (via Nickerson proxy), Stuart Trachy, Tom Velardi, Robert Watson (via Bower proxy), Chuck Weed (via Trombly proxy); Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group; Kelly Monahan of the public.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Berry leads the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. Approval of past meeting minutes

- a. Piper presents the minutes from the April 2, 2021 meeting of the Committee with several of her own edits. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as edited. Pappas **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Seeing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

### IV. American Rescue Plan Act Proposal

- a. Monahan explains that the Officers met on April 7, 2021 and voted to recommend the plan as proposed to the Executive Committee for a vote of approval.
- b. Collins explains savings in the 2021 budget that could be used to pay for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) proposal and avoid a special assessment, as presented in the special budget narrative.
- c. Trachy asks about future costs of continued work. Monahan explains that future work may not cost the same.
- d. Trachy explains that consideration of the proposal may be premature as more federal guidance and information is forthcoming. Trachy also explains that Hillsborough County does have someone on board to assist the county. Trachy explains that work included in the proposal may already be covered under existing contracts (i.e., Dupont Group, White Birch, Rumford). Explains he will be voting "no."
- e. Bower explains opposing view and is hopeful the work under the proposal may allow an avenue for input before rules are made on the funds.
- f. Stacey explains that the NACo (National Association of Counties) Zoom meetings have been informational and that NACo is already working with the federal government on

ARPA. Stacey also explains that work in the proposal may already be covered under existing contracts (i.e., Dupont Group, White Birch, Rumford).

- g. Spanos asks Horgan about the overlap between contracts. Horgan explains a number of items included in the ARPA that are not included in existing contracts i.e., additional webinars and meetings.
- h. Piper expresses respect of the concern that there may be overlapping items between contracts. Piper also explains that work hours included in original contracts is below that amount of work that is forecasted for future work.
- i. Ferland postures that it may be a question of volume of work than the actual scope of work.
- j. Monahan explains that a memo was previously provided regarding additional work due to COVID-19 and that no extra charges were incurred by the Association.
- k. Bower likens 2020 county budget planning and the unseen pandemic costs to the need to revisit existing contracts via the proposal.
- l. Collins explains that Coos County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to support the ARPA proposals.
- m. Pappas explains that Hillsborough County was originally against the ARPA proposal because Hillsborough may already have the resources to deal with ARPA funds, though realizes other counties do not. Hillsborough ultimately is in favor of the proposal.
- n. Monahan explains that most of the work in the ARPA proposal will be macro-level.
- o. Piper reiterates statements on the increased volume of work since the pandemic was declared and hopes to compensate the Dupont Group for all of the extra work.
- p. Bower makes a **MOTION** to approve of the ARPA Proposal by the Dupont Group. Dorsett **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Roll call vote: Ahern, aye; Berry, aye; Brave (via Bower proxy), aye; Coates (via Trombly proxy), aye; Collins, aye; Cunningham, nay; Dorsett, aye; Englund (via Trombly proxy), aye; Ferland, aye; Fish, aye; Hebert, aye; Henry, aye; Heroux, abstain; Kindopp (via Trombly proxy), aye; Kirby, aye; Kivikoski, aye; Libby, aye; Lagos, nay; Lewko (via Trachy proxy), nay; Maglaras (via Bower proxy), aye; Mills, aye; Nelson, aye; Nickerson, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Plache, aye; Rollo (via Bower proxy), aye; Spanos, aye; Stacey, nay; Tombarello (via Nickerson proxy), aye; Trachy, nay; Velardi, aye; Watson (via Bower proxy), aye; Weed (via Trombly proxy), aye. The **MOTION PASSES**.

## V. Other business

- a. Horgan explains a recent non-germane amendment that significantly changes HB 141. Yes, want to be exempt but do not want to part of the unfunded liability. Henry makes a **MOTION** for the Association to support the exemption for county CEOs but ask the Committee to remove the section that deals with the unfunded liability the bill. Trachy **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Seeing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.
- b. Horgan provides a legislative update per the report submitted to the Committee. Horgan explains that next week priority is probate bill SB 89 on Friday where Stacey and Horgan will testify. Stacey asks that folks sign into the hearing in opposition to the bill. Horgan explains that section 5 is the only problem.

**VI. Next meeting**

- a. The next meeting will be on May 7 at 10:00 AM, though subject to change.
- b. Rockingham County has a Commissioners Council budget public hearing and a delegation meeting on May 7. Hillsborough County may also have conflicts.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Stacey makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Ferland **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

*Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on April 16, 2021.*

*Minutes approved on May 7, 2021.*