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## AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 – 10:30 AM  
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES  
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 889 9240 3593 - Passcode: 450706 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

### 10:30

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of June 28, 2024, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)

### 10:35

- II. Recognition of Employee Milestone Anniversary with ACOG – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary

### 10:40

- III. CU-ICAR – Mr. David Clayton, Executive Director, CU-ICAR | Assistant Vice President, Corporate Partnerships & Strategic Initiatives (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Clayton will present an overview of CU-ICAR (Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research) including Clemson's "Partnership Office". He will discuss advanced STEM education, economic and workforce development in the region, and the mobility industry as a whole.



**11:05**

**IV. City of Woodruff, SC – Mr. Lee Bailey, City Manager**

Briefing: Mr. Bailey will update the board on how the City of Woodruff has managed the challenges of rapid growth while keeping the small-town feel that led people and businesses to make a home there.

**11:25**

**V. ARC Appalachian Leadership Institute – LTC William Westmoreland and Ms. Brandy Singleton, 2023-24 SC Appalachian Leadership Institute Fellows (Section 3, Board Packet)**

Briefing: LTC Westmoreland and Ms. Singleton will present information to the board about their experience as recent fellows at the ARC Appalachian Leadership Institute, a training opportunity for community leaders in economic development.

**11:40**

**VI. SC Brownfields Environmental Testing (BEST) Program Applications – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Economic Development Committee and Ms. Jill Francisco, Grants Senior Project Manager (Section 4, Board Packet)**

Briefing: Ms. Francisco will provide an overview and present a site recommendation from the committee regarding the SC BEST application for Chesnee, SC.

**Action Item**

**11:50**

**VII. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Executive Director (Section 5, Board Packet)**

Briefing: The Transportation Committee will present a recommendation on changes to funding for the US 178 paving project in Anderson and Pickens Counties due to updated cost estimates. Original cost estimates were just over \$13,000,000. The revised cost estimates have increased this project to \$28,000,000. We will discuss the budget implications of the proposed increase and alternatives presented to the Transportation Committee.

**Action Item**



**12:05**

VIII. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

**12:10**

IX. Member Updates – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary

Briefing: Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.

**12:15**

X. Adjourn