

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
COMMISSION OFFICE**

Call to Order.....Hon. Scott Hunt

Public Comment Period.....Hon. Scott Hunt

1. Minutes

- **July 16, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting**

Recommendation: Approval as presented

2. Finance Report

- Accounts Payable
Represents bills paid for July/August 2025
- Bank Accounts Summaries
Summary of available Commission funds

Recommendation: Approval as presented

3. Computer Equipment Purchase for EARN Program Staff

An electronic ballot was sent to the Executive Committee on July 30, 2025 requesting approval for the purchase of computer monitors, docking stations, and bases for EARN staff. Enough ballots were received to approve the purchase.

Recommendation: Approval as Presented.

4. Planning & Community Development Update

Mr. Slusser will report on the Planning and Community Development Division’s activity over the last two months, highlighting ARC Area Development and Local Access Roads Program pre-applications, ARC POWER applications, ARC ARISE applications, the SMART grant, and RPO activities.

Informational: No Action Needed

5. Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program Projects

Under the terms of an April 2024 grant contract with PaDCNR for \$150,000, SAP&DC announced the tenth round of the Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program in March 2024. Five projects totaling \$98,374 were awarded in 2024. The Mini-Grant round was reopened to award the remaining \$51,626. Five applications were received with a total requested amount of \$93,267. The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) met on August 6, 2025, to grade and score the applications. The PAC recommends that the Board of Directors approves funding for Southmont Borough (\$12,500), the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority (\$15,000), and Cassville Borough (\$5,768). A summary of the recommended projects is included in the meeting packet.

Recommendation: Approval as presented.

6. Executive Order 12372 Projects

SAP&DC is designated by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (under E.O. 12372) to review requests for Federal financial assistance within its six-county service area for concurrence with relevant regional planning documents. The projects requesting federal financial assistance were presented and reviewed and noted as consistent with the Commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

SAP&DC staff have reviewed the proposed projects as listed.

Recommendation: **Approval as presented**

7. Business Financing Loans

The following loan applications have been approved by the Commission's Loan Review Committee and are now submitted for review and action by the Board of Directors:

➤ Loan Submissions

Biddle Family Partnership, LP & Mill Hill Farms, LLC
Subordination of Mortgages for Blair County Conservation Easement
PIDA SBF \$400,000 & SAPDC IRP \$200,000

Harlan W. & Mariam Z. Martin
Farm Real Estate Acquisition
\$400,000

James E. & Jamie R. Fisher
Farm Real Estate Acquisition
\$150,000

Wesley Metzker & Amanda Kulick
Farm Real Estate Acquisition
\$200,000

Recommendation: **Approval as presented**

8. Other Business & Informational Items

- Next meeting of the SAP&DC Board of Directors: November 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. with the Finance Committee Meeting beginning at 9:15 A.M.

Adjournment