



Members Present: Edwina Lane, Gayla Hawkins, John Roane, Mary Jo Dollar, Newt Cunningham (Zoom), Nathan Caldwell (Zoom), Scott Neu (Zoom)

Members Absent: Brian Eaves, Clay Barnett, Jim Atchison, Allen Sanderson, Lisa Bellows, James Thorne

A. Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum

President Edwina Lane called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized a quorum.

B. Invocation and Pledges

Gayla Hawkins provided the invocation and Mary Jo Dollar led the pledges.

C. Welcome Guests

Guests included: Eric Bridges, Mindi Jones, Sabino Botello, Miranda Harp, Beth Eggar, Judy Fullylove, Alexis Taylor-Baker, Jan Graves, Hope Whitson, Greg Pitman, Bonnie Arrington, Vicky Hestand, Cara Lavender

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Executive Director's Report

Cara Lavender, Aging Services Director introduced Hope Whitson, Managing Local Ombudsman who gave a presentation on TCOG's Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Eric Bridges followed with an update on the federal appropriations process and recently issued Executive Orders.

F. Approval of Minutes

Mary Jo Dollar made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the July 21, 2025 meeting. Gayla Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Action

1. A motion was made by Gayla Hawkins to approve the submission of the 2026 Community Services Block Grant Budget and Community Action Plan to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The motion was seconded by John Roane. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by John Roane to authorize the acceptance of the Tri-County Senior Nutrition Project Inc., Uniform Rate Negotiation Budget for FY 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Dollar. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Gayla Hawkins to accept the offer of funding for technical assistance related to community and economic development from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community and Economic Development Assistance Fund for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Dollar. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Gayla Hawkins to ratify the contract with TXU Energy Retail Company LLC to serve as our supplier of electricity for the period August 7, 2025 through May 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by John Roane. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mary Jo Dollar to accept the monthly Cost Pool report and financial statements. The motion was seconded by John Roane. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Presidents Report

Edwina Lane thanked her fellow Members for their continued support and participation and staff for their continued great work.

I. Adjourn

Mary Jo Dollar made a motion to adjourn at 6:46p. Gayla Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.