

RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ARTICLE III – GENERAL POLICY BOARD – SECTION A – PARAGRAPH 6, AND ARTICLE IV – EASTGATE COMMITTEES – SECTION A - FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the original Bylaws of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments were adopted by the General Policy Board on October 3, 1974; and

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary in the past to amend the Bylaws as changes were found to be required to meet the needs of the Board and to address various program considerations; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Executive Committee of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments has approved a Bylaw amendment to include the Mill Creek MetroParks and Trumbull County MetroParks as official members of Eastgate in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Finance Executive Committee approval recommended that the Mill Creek MetroParks and Trumbull County MetroParks will be voting members of the General Policy Board and will have one (1) vote each and that the membership of the Mill Creek MetroParks on Eastgate's board should be subject to membership dues assessments as defined under Article VII – Finance – Section B – Membership Assessment.

WHEREAS, the resulting Finance Executive Committee approval recommended a Bylaw amendment updating Article IV -Eastgate Committees – Section A – Finance/Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments are being proposed based on these recommendations:

Article III – General Policy Board

Revise Section A, Paragraph 6 as follows:

Mill Creek Metro Parks and Trumbull County Metro Parks will be voting members of the General Policy Board and will have one (1) vote each. The voting member shall be the Executive Director or the person designated by the Executive Director to represent the Park District. The Mill Creek Metro Parks will be subject to membership dues assessments as defined under Article VIII - Section B of these Bylaws and approved by the Finance/Executive Committee. The Trumbull County Metro Parks is an official entity of Trumbull County and as such, shall be included in Trumbull County's membership dues assessments as defined under Article VIII – Section B of these Bylaws and approved by the Finance/Executive Committee.

Article IV – Eastgate Committees

Revise Section A – Finance/Executive Committee as follows:

1. Representation

The membership of the Finance/Executive Committee shall be composed of one (1) representative from each member county, one (1) representative from the most populous member city in Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties, three at-large members, a township trustee

representative, the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board of County Commissioners will designate the respective County representative. If that County representative occupies the Chair or Vice-Chair seat, the County representative position would default to the County Engineer or their designated representative. The mayors will represent their city or designate a City representative. The Vice-Chair, three at-large members and township trustee representative will be nominated and voted on at the October General Policy Board meeting. The Finance/Executive Chair will be filled by the Vice-Chair from the previous year. The Chair of the General Policy Board shall serve as the Chair of the Finance/Executive Committee.

An additional at-large position will be added if an entity chooses not to fill a position on the committee. This would allow for a total of 12 committee members.

The Executive Director, or their assistant, shall serve as the Secretary of the Finance/Executive Committee, recording the minutes of the committee and performing related duties at committee meetings.

The Director of Capital Planning, or their assistant, shall serve as the Fiscal Officer of the Finance/Executive Committee, reviewing the financial status of the Agency and performing related duties at committee meetings.

The Policy Board may delegate, to the Executive Director, the power to authorize contracts for supplies and personal services for contracts or purchases which do not exceed \$10,000 in amount. Contracts which exceed \$10,000 in amount shall be approved by the board pursuant to the recommendations of the Finance/Executive Committee.

The Finance/Executive Committee of the agency shall meet on call of the General Policy Board Chair.

2. Voting

Voting on the Finance/Executive Committee on any questions for passage will require an affirmative two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of members present once a quorum is attained. A quorum is defined as 50% plus one of the Finance/Executive Committee Members or 7 members. Voting in General Policy Board meetings may be either by voice or roll call vote. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of an official representative present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions were completed and distributed to board members in early January, allowing for the review period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby approves the amendment of the Bylaws of Eastgate as noted above.

Passed this 30th day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:



James G. Kinnick, P.E., Executive Director



Casey R. Kozłowski, Chairman