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Minutes

The Georgia Mountains Workforce Investment Board (GMWIB) met March 08, 2012 at The Oaks in Gainesville, Georgia at 11:00 am. This was a called meeting. Handouts were made available as visual aids. Also a sign-in sheet was distributed and the following were present:

Members Present

Andrea Gibby
Angela Whidby
Charlie Auvermann
Mike Berg
Connie Smith
Dale Harrell
David Cagle
Deborah K. Mack
Dr. John Raber
Janice Riley
Mitch Griggs
Pat Freeman
Stanley Darnell
Tim Bala
W. Danny Lewis
William (Bill) Chafin

Staff/Guest Present

Diana Eddins-Wiggin
Diane Jackson
Jessica Williams
John Phillips
Nona Turk
Ginger Little

Guest

Jason Mock, Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce
Jim Bleckley, Rabun County Administrator

Call to Order/Welcome

Andrea Gibby, WIB Board Chair called the meeting to order. She welcomed the attendees. A roll call was done and a quorum was established. Proxy forms were received for Sam Norton and Will Wade.

Other

A brief tour of The Oaks was provided to the Board by Rachel McClain, Hospitality Management Program Instructor.

New Business

John Phillips gave the Board an overview regarding the transition from the Department of Labor to the Governor's Office of Workforce Development. He showed the Board a map of our thirteen county region which outlined the counties the staff had visited in February. He told the Board members they were welcome to come to any overview session. John also informed the Board of the upcoming audit by the Department of Labor scheduled for March 20th to 23rd. John asked Diana Eddins-Wiggin and Jessica Williams to give the Board a brief update on each program.

Danny Lewis, GMRC Executive Director made a proposal to the WD Board that the RC would make available a vehicle from GMRC fleet to the Workforce Development office for their use. GMWD would provide the insurance and upkeep for the vehicle, pending approval of the GMRC Board.

Andrea Gibby, Board Chair opened the floor for a vote on accepting the car pending approval of GMRC Board.

Dr. John Raber made motion.
Seconded by Mike Berg

Eligibility Manual Policies and Procedures - John informed the board that we are currently working on the Eligibility Manual and the On the Job Training procedures and hopes to have it by our next board meeting.

Missing Check Certification – Chair Gibby informed the Board a copy of the missing check certification form was given to them in their packet and was also e-mailed to them prior to the meeting. This form needs to be approved.

Motion was made by Bill Chafin to approve.
Mike Berg seconded motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination and Elections

Secretary/Treasurer – Chair Gibby asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Pat Freeman nominated Deborah Mack for Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. John Raber seconded motion. No objections were made. Motion to close nominations was made by Danny Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

New Board Member – Chair Gibby informed the Board of a new member, Dean Scarborough. Mr. Scarborough was unable to attend today's meeting. He will be representing the private sector for Stephens County.

Chair Gibby referenced the Board of the Overview Schedule included in their handouts and encourage each member to attend an overview session.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan – Chair Gibby informed the Board that the Comprehensive Plan needed to be approved. Pat Freeman commented that on page 33, the last paragraph needs to be omitted from the plan. This contains outdated information.

Charlie Auvermann made a motion to approve the plan with the exception of the correction to be made on page 33.
Mike Berg seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

John Phillips asked for the Board's approval of raising the Self Sufficiency Policy from 175% of the poverty level to 200%. He explained the need for the increase to the Board.

Mike Berg made a motion to raise the level from 175% to 200% of the poverty guidelines.
Dr. John Raber seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Financial update

Nona Turk, Billing Specialist gave a financial update and provided the Board with the requested ITA contribution spreadsheet by county.

Meeting Calendar

The meeting for March 29, 2012 will be postponed to the next scheduled meeting of June 28th.

Adjournment

Chair Gibby adjourned meeting.