

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING / AWARDS BANQUET

Dillard House Conference Center
Dillard, Georgia
December 4, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet was held on Friday, December 4, 2015, 6:00 pm at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, Georgia. A reception with a cash bar was held prior to the meeting at 4:45 pm.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order. He thanked each and everyone for attending.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

The devotion was given by Kevin Tallant and the invocation by Phillip Teasley, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet dinner.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Vice Chairman James Grogan recognized State Representative Emory Dunahoo and his wife, Elaine; and Joel Katz, Aide with Congressman Collin's Office. He thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend this event.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for any comments regarding the minutes and attendance report for the November 19, 2015 meeting. Sam Norton made a motion to accept the minutes and attendance report as presented and was seconded by Doug Wayne. Motion carried unanimously. (Attendance report attached)

RECOGNITION OF ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Chairman Scarborough recognized and thanked Leslie George, Committee Chair; Bill Black, Debbie Chisholm, Jim Conley, Audrey Turner, and Doug Wayne for serving on the Annual Meeting Committee and for the great job they did this year in planning this event.

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

GMRC Executive Director Danny Lewis recognized all the sponsors that helped to make this meeting possible. He asked that all representatives from these sponsors to stand as they were recognized. Sponsors were AdelRid; Advanced Disposal; AT&T; BB&T; Byrd's Mini Storage;

Carter and Sloope, Inc.; CHA Consulting, Inc.; City of Dahlonega; City of Lavonia; DockCo, LLC; Document Destruction Service, Inc.; Dodd Construction, Inc.; Engineering Management, Inc.; Fieldale Farms Corporation; Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.; Hart Telephone Company; Hayes Chevrolet, Inc.; Hayes, James and Associates, Inc.; Hillside Orchard Farms, Inc.; Keck and Wood, Inc.; Margaret Ayers; Miles, Hansford and Tallant, LLC; Orkin Pest Control of Northeast Georgia; P&B Petroleum Company; Quantum Spatial; Rushton and Company; Stifel; Stratton and Sons Construction, Inc.; The Norton Agency; The Samuels Firm; Thomason Construction, Inc.; Toccoa Natural Gas; United Community Bank, Clarksville and Blairsville; Vivian's Homes; VC3, Inc.; Vulcan Materials Company; and WestRock. Mr. Lewis stated that if it weren't for sponsors like these, we would not be able to have a nice event such as this.

RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman Scarborough presented appreciation certificates to the Council Members that have served on the Council during the last year, but are no longer serving. Those recognized were Jeanette Jamieson, City of Toccoa; Larry Miller, Lt. Governor's Appointment; Ralph Perry, City of Cumming; and Randall Toussaint, Forsyth County Private Sector Representative. Chairman Scarborough thanked each of these for serving and for their participation on the Council.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Chairman Scarborough and GMRC Executive Director W. Danny Lewis presented the following awards:

- (1) GMRC Employee of the Year (chosen by the GMRC Executive Director) – Patrick Larson, Economic Development Representative
- (2) Appointed Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff) – Deborah Mack, Hall County Private Sector Representative
- (3) Elected Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff) – Sonny James, Habersham County Commissioner
- (4) Council Member of the Year (chosen by GMRC Board by secret ballot) – Bill Chafin, Hart County Private Sector Representative.

The last award was chosen by Sam Norton, GMRC's Past Council Chairman. This award is called the Chairman's Award and is the highest award that is given. The recipient of the Chairman's Award for this year was Heather Feldman, GMRC Economic Development Director.

Mr. Lewis congratulated all the award recipients and thanked them for their valuable service to the GMRC and the area.

ENTERTAINMENT

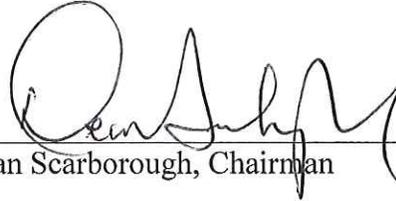
Council Member Leslie George introduced the entertainment. Mr. Damon Hendrix entertained the audience with his Elvis impersonation and songs.

DOOR PRIZES

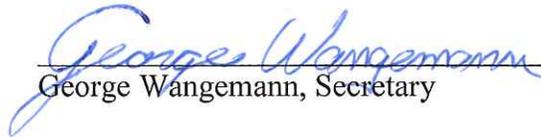
Numbers for door prizes were drawn by Chairman Scarborough and gifts were distributed with the assistance of Mr. Lewis and the GMRC staff. These gifts were donated by the cities and counties in the Georgia Mountains region and the Friends of Georgia Mountains.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

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BANKS	Danny Maxwell	P (R)	P	P (R)	A	P	P						
	Jerry Payne	P	P (R)	P	A	P (R)	P						
	Leslie George	P	P	P	P	P	P						
DAWSON	Mike Berg	P	A	P	P	A	A						
	James Grogan**	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Charlie Auvermann	A	P	P	P	P	A						
FORSYTH	Brian Tam	A	A	P	P (R)*	A	P (R)						
	Welch, Chuck			P (N)	P	A	P						
		V	V	V	V	V	V						
FRANKLIN	David Strickland	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Ralph Owens	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	Gerald Voyles	A	P	P	A	P	P						
HABERSHAM	Sonny James	A	A	P	P	P	P						
	Audrey Turner	A	P	P	P	P (R)	P						
	Ken Schaubring	P	P	A	P	P	P						
HALL	Dick Mecum	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P (R)	P						
	George Wangemann***	P	A	P	P	P	A						
	Deborah Mack	P	P	A	P	A	P						
HART	Ricky Carter	P	P	A	P	A	A						
	Tray Hicks	A	P	A	A	P	P						
	Bill Chafin	P	P	A	P	P	P						
LUMPKIN	Chris Dockery	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	Sam Norton	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	J.B. Jones	A	P	P	P	P	P						

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RABUN	Greg James	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P						
	Debbie Chisholm	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P						
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough*	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	David Austin	A	P	P	A	A	P						
	L.J. Harrison	P	P	P	P	P	A						
TOWNS	Bill Kendall	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P						
	Joan Crothers	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	David Stovall	P	P	A	P (R)*	P	P						
UNION	Lamar Paris	P	P	A	P	A	P						
	Jim Conley	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Mitch Griggs	A	P	P	P	A	P						
WHITE	Travis Turner	P (R)*	A	P	P (R)*	A	P						
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	A	P	P						
	Bill Black	P	P	P	P	A	P						
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	A	P	P	P	P	P						
		V	V	V	V	V	V						
	Will Wade	P	A	P	A	A	A						
		V	V	V	V	V	V						
SPEAKER APPT.	Peter Hill	P	A	A	P	A	A						

P = PRESENT A = ABSENT R = REPRESENTED V = VACANCY E = EXCUSED N = NEW MEMBER * = PROXY

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary