

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION DINNER

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame
Dawsonville, Georgia
May 31, 2012

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its Annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 6:00 pm at Georgia Racing Hall of Fame in Dawsonville, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Sam Norton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to this event. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He noted that we have a few items on the agenda before we recognize our legislators.

WELCOME AND LOCAL INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Berg, Dawson County Commission Chairman welcomed everyone to Dawson County, Dawsonville City Hall and the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame. He thanked everyone who attended the dedication, which was held earlier, of the Joe Lane Cox Community Room. This room located in the upstairs of the Dawsonville City Hall. Mr. Berg recognized the Mayor and City Council and commended them for the wonderful job they did on this. He also recognized Dawson County Commissioners James Swafford, Jimmy Hamby, and Julie Hughes Nix; and the former County Manager Kevin Tanner, who is currently running for a House Seat. Mr. Berg also recognized the RC Council Members from this area, Charlie Auvermann, Peter Hill, Will Wade, and Calvin Byrd.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Special guests attending were Suzanne Browne, Department of Economic Development; Connie Smith, DOL Reion 2 Rep.; Kathy Papa, Department of Community Affairs, Todd Edwards, ACCG; and Ashley Meggitt, GMA.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

Jerry Payne, Homer City Councilman, gave our devotion, invocation, and followed with the pledge of allegiance.

The dinner was sponsored by Advanced Disposal and Dawson County Board of Education and the delicious meal was prepared by Sandra's Catering.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice-Chairman Norton asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the April 26th meeting. Angela Whidby made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by John Raber. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL UPDATE TO REGIONAL PLAN

Adam Hazell, Director of Planning, reported that the RC, just like the local governments, must complete an update to their Work Program every year. In this process, local governments are given a chance to submit suggestions for new projects or ideas that need to be accomplished in their area. The report that was presented showed the new projects that could be accommodated this year. If approved, these items need to be submitted to DCA for their review and comments before it is adopted.

A motion was made by Will Wade and seconded by Rex Farmer to approval the submittal of the Annual Update to the Regional Plan to DCA. Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM

Dean Scarborough, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, thanked everyone for attending and thereby showing our appreciation and support the legislators that serve our 13 county region. The U.S. Senators and Congressmen, Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, State Senators and Representatives, and their aides for our area were all invited to attend. Mr. Scarborough introduced the following legislators who were in attendance and allowed each of them time to make comments:

Darren Kendall – Aide from Sen. Saxby Chambliss' Office
Tate O'Rourke – Aide from Sen. Johnny Isakson's Office
Matt Waldroup – Aide from Congressman Paul Broun's Office
David Weikel – Aide from Congressman Tom Graves' Office
Senator Steve Gooch – District 51
Representative Amos Amerson – District 9
Representative Terry Rogers – District 10
Representative Alan Powell – District 29

Vice Chairman Norton thanked each of the legislators and aides for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend this meeting. He stated that the RC appreciated them being a friend to the Commission, but also wanted them to know that the RC was their friend.

Ashley Meggitt with Georgia Municipal Association and Todd Edwards representing ACCG were in attendance and addressed the group on how GMA and ACCG work with our cities and counties and also our legislators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next RC Council meeting will be hosted by Rabun County and will be held at the Waterfalls Club on Lake Burton. The July meeting will be held in Towns County.

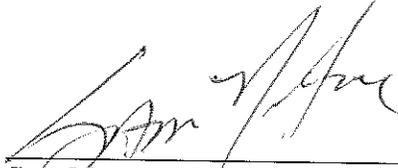
Mr. Lewis stated that the 2013 GMRC Budget would be presented to the Council at the June meeting. The Budget was approved previously by the Executive Committee and will be emailed to the Council for the review before the next meeting.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were provided by Dawson County and City of Dawsonville and were awarded to the lucky winners.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Will Wade and seconded by Angela Whidby. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Sam Norton, Vice-Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary

**GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2011-2012**

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| BANKS | Sammy Reece | P | P | A | A | P | A | P | P | A | A | A | |
| | Jerry Payne | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | |
| | Leslie George | A | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | |
| | Mike Berg | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| DAWSON | Calvin Byrd | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | A | P | A | P | |
| | Charlie Auvermann | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| FORSYTH | Jim Boff | | | | | | | (N)P | A | P(R) | A | P | |
| | Ralph Perry | P | A | A | A | A | P | P | P | P | P | A | |
| FRANKLIN | James McCoy | P | A | P | P | A | A | A | P | P | A | A | |
| | Angela Whidby | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Ralph Owens | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | P | P | |
| | Gerald Voyles | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Lee Mulkey | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | |
| HABERSHAM | Audrey Turner | P | A | P | A | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | |
| | Todd Pealock | (N)P | P | A | P | P | P | P | A | P | A | A | |
| HALL | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | George Wangemann | P | A | A | P | A | A | P | P | P | P | P | |
| HART | Deborah Mack | A | P | A | A | A | P | P | P | A | A | P | |
| | Bill Myers | P | P | P | P | A | A | P | A | P | P | P | |
| | Tray Hicks | P | P | P | A | A | P | A | P | A | A | P | |
| | Bill Chafin | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | |
| LUMPKIN | Dr. John Raber | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | A | A | P | P | |
| | Sam Norton** | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | |
| | J.B. Jones | P | A | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | |

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| RABUN | Stan Darnell | (N/A) | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Debbie Chisholm | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | |
| | Douglas Wayne | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P(R) | |
| | Dean Scarborough | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | |
| STEPHENS | Ron Seib | A | P | P | P | A | P | A | P | P | P | A | |
| | L.J. Harrison | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | |
| | Bill Kendall | | | P | P(R) | P(R) | P | P(R) | P(R) | P | A | P(R) | |
| | Andrea Gibby | | | | | | | P(N) | A | P | P | A | |
| TOWNS | David Stovall* | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | |
| | Lamar Paris | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | |
| | Jim Conley | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Mitch Griggs | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | |
| WHITE | Travis Turner | P | A | P(R) | P | P(R) | P | A | P(R) | P | P | P(R) | |
| | Annie Sutton | A | P | P | P | A | P | A | P | P | A | P | |
| | Bill Black | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Rex Farmer | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| GOV APPT. | Paul Kreager | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Will Wade | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Andrew Turnage | | | | | | | | | | (N)P | A | |
| SPEAKER APPT. | Peter Hill | P(N) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |

P = PRESENT A = ABSENT * = REPRESENTED V = VACANCY E = EXCUSED (N) = NEW MEMBER

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary