

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING

Castleberry Building
Cumming, GA
October 10, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Castleberry Building in Cumming, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Cumming.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Due to the absence of all three Council Officers, Executive Director Danny Lewis called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Lewis recognized Mayor Ford Gravitt. Mayor Gravitt welcomed everyone to the City of Cumming and the Cumming Fair and Festival. He thanked the RC for the great work that they have done for the City of Cumming. He recognized Senator Steve Gooch; Representative Kevin Tanner; Cheryl Smith, Georgia Department of Economic Development; and Kathy Papa, Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Representing the City of Cumming were GMRC Council Member and City Councilman Ralph Perry, and other Council Members Rupert Sexton, Lewis Ledbetter, Quincy Holton, and John Pugh. Mayor Gravitt stated that the City of Cumming's Mayor and Council has 235 years of service collectively in City Government.

Mr. Lewis thanked the City of Cumming for hosting our meeting and allowing the Council and their families to attend the Fair.

Gainesville City Councilman and GMRC Council Member George Wangemann was recognized this month by GMA for trying to make personal contact and shake everyone's hand in the City of Gainesville.

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

Ms. Deborah Mack, Hall County Private Sector Representative, gave our devotion, invocation, and followed with the pledge of allegiance. Everyone enjoyed a meal prepared by Tam's Backstage Restaurant.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Lewis asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting. J.B. Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by David Stovall. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Report

Ms. Leslie George reminded everyone of the November 20th deadline to purchase tickets for the GMRC Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner. This event will be held at the Dillard House Conference Center on December 6th and the reception will be at 4:45 p.m. There will be a cash bar available. Each Council Member is challenged to secure one sponsor for this event. All cities and counties were asked to bring at least one door prize.

Authorization to Sign Checks

At the last Council Meeting, the Council approved for our Legal Counsel to change our Bylaws to address the Executive Director to have the authority to sign checks in excess of \$25,000. These changes are currently being worked on. Until completed, approval needs to be given by the Council for the Executive Director to sign any checks that need processing that is in excess of \$25,000. Leslie George made a motion to approve this action and was seconded by Doug Wayne. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Grant

The Regional Commission received the annual Historic Preservation Contract from the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Lewis stated that since he has been Executive Director this contract has gone from \$25,000 to \$4,500. Even though this contract has decreased, he feels that our cities and counties at times has a need for the RC to perform historic preservation work. He hopes that in future years this grant amount will increase. Bill Chafin made a motion to approve this contract. Motion was seconded by J.B. Jones and motion carried unanimously.

FY13 Audit

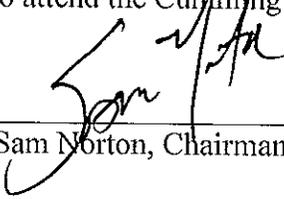
Bill Chafin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, informed the Council that the GMRC FY13 Audit is finished and a summary of the Audit will be emailed to the Council for their review. Mr. Chafin reported that for the last seven years the RC has received a clean audit and this year was no exception. If anyone has any questions, please contact Mr. Chafin or Becky Sievers, Director of Finance.

Voting for the "GMRC Council Member of the Year"

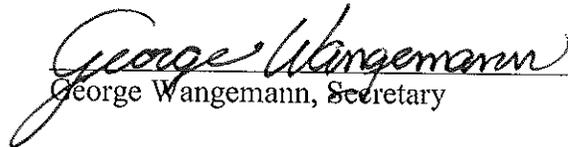
Next week Council Members will be emailed a ballot and list of the Council Members that served between July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Each person will be asked to vote on the top five Council Members who they felt gave the most to this organization's success during the last year, with each receiving points on a sliding scale of 5 to 1. Mr. Lewis reminded the Council that the Chairman was not eligible for the award. Ballots should be returned by email. This award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on December 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Leslie George and seconded by Doug Wayne to adjourn the meeting. After the meeting everyone was encouraged to attend the Cumming Country Fair and Festival.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

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

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

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

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary