

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING / AWARDS DINNER

Dillard House Conference Center
Dillard, Georgia
December 1, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner was held on Friday, December 1, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, Georgia. A networking reception 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 and invocation was given by Deborah Mack, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet dinner.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Chairman Scarborough recognized State Representative Emory Dunahoo and his wife, Elaine; Bill Kokaly and wife, Gail and Joel Katz, Congressman Collin's Office; Annaka Woodruff, Appalachian Regional Commission's representative, and former GMRC Executive Director Danny Lewis and wife, Shiryl. Chairman Scarborough 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 16, 2017 meeting. Jim Conley 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 Angela Whidby, Committee Chair; Bill Black, Ricky Carter, Debbie Chisholm, Jim Conley, Audrey Turner, and Doug Wayne for serving on the Annual Meeting Committee and for the great job they have done this year in planning this event.

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

GMRC Executive Director Heather Feldman recognized all the sponsors that helped to make this meeting possible. She asked that all representatives from these sponsors to stand as they were recognized. The \$250 sponsors were AdelRid; BB&T; Bill Chafin; Byrd's Mini Storage; Carter

and Sloope, Inc.; CHA Consulting, Inc.; City of Dahlonega; City of Lavonia; David Strickland and Associates; Engineering Management, Inc.; Fieldale Farms Corporation; Franklin-Hart County Foster Parents Association; Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.; Hart County Chamber of Commerce; Hart Telephone Company; Hayes, James and Associates, Inc.; Keck and Wood, Inc.; Margaret Ayers; Miles, Hansford and Tallant, LLC; Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.; Orkin Pest Control of Northeast Georgia; P&B Petroleum Company; Platium Geomatics; Pro Pump Solutions, Inc.; Stifel; Stratton and Sons Construction, Inc.; The Atlantic Group, LLC; The Links at Lake Toccoa; The Norton Agency; The Samuels Firm; Thomason Construction, Inc.; Town of Alto; Town of Homer; Towns County Chamber of Commerce; VC3, Inc.; and Vivian's Homes. Our \$500 sponsors for this year were Advanced Disposal; AT&T; Rushton and Company; and United Community Bank. A special thanks to Hillside Orchard Farms, Inc. for the wonderful take home gifts that each person found at their seat tonight. These gifts were made and donated by Hillside Orchard Farms. Ms. Feldman stated that if it weren't for sponsors like each of 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 would be coming off the Council. Those recognized were Charlie Auvermann, Dawson County Private Sector Representative; James Grogan, City of Dawsonville; and Todd Levent, Forsyth County. Chairman Scarborough thanked each of these for serving and for their participation on the Council.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Feldman expressed her appreciation to the GMRC employees for their dedication and hard work throughout the years. The following Service Awards were presented:

Five year service awards –

Joe Rothwell, Regional Planner

Marissa Smith, Administrative Secretary

Whitney Williams, WorkSource Adult/Dislocated Program Assistant

Niki McPherson, OJT Program Coordinator (not present)

Chairman Scarborough and Ms. Feldman presented the following awards:

- (1) GMRC Employee of the Year (chosen by the GMRC Executive Director) – Diana Eddins-Wiggin, WorkSource Adult Case Manager Supervisor
- (2) Appointed Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff) – Margaret Ayers, Vice President of Public Relations for Northeast Georgia Bank and CEDS Committee Member
- (3) Elected Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff) – Ricky Carter, Hart County Council Member
- (4) Council Member of the Year (chosen by GMRC Board by secret ballot) – Jim Conley, City of Blairsville Representative.

The last award was chosen by Council Chairman Dean Scarborough. 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 Peggy Lovell, GMRC Executive Assistant. Ms. Lovell has worked with the Regional Commission for 41 years in various positions. She works directly with the Executive Director and the Council.

Chairman Scarborough and Ms. Feldman congratulated all the award recipients and thanked them for their valuable service to the GMRC and the area.

ENTERTAINMENT

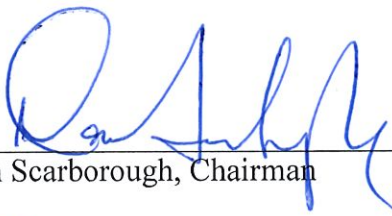
Council Member Angela Whidby introduced the entertainment. Comedian Dannette Flint from Commerce, Georgia entertained the audience.

DOOR PRIZES

Numbers for door prizes were drawn by Chairman Scarborough and gifts were distributed with the assistance of Ms. Feldman 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 Annual Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2017-2018

| COUNTY | COUNCIL MEMBER | 7/27/17 | 8/31/17 | 9/28/17 | 10/26/17 | 11/16/17 | 12/1/17 | 1/25/18 | 2/22/18 | 3/29/18 | 4/26/18 | 5/31/18 | 6/28/18 |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BANKS | Danny Maxwell | P | P | A | P (R) | P (R) | P | | | | | | |
| | Jerry Payne | P | P | A | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Leslie George | P | P | P | P (R) | P | P (R) | | | | | | |
| DAWSON | Billy Thurmond | A | P | A | A | P | A | | | | | | |
| | James Grogan | P | P | P | A | A | A | | | | | | |
| | David Headley | P | A | P | P | P | A | | | | | | |
| FORSYTH | Pete Amos | P | P | P | P | P | A | | | | | | |
| | Chuck Welch | P | P | P | P | P | A | | | | | | |
| | Robert Long | P | P | P | P | P | A | | | | | | |
| FRANKLIN | Thomas Bridges | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Ralph Owens | P | P | P | A | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Gerald Voyles | P | P | A | P (R) | P | P | | | | | | |
| HABERSHAM | Natalie Crawford | A | P | A | P | A | A | | | | | | |
| | Audrey Turner | P | P | P (R) | P | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Ken Schubring | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| HALL | Richard Higgins | P (R) | P (R) | P (R) | P (R) | P (R) | P | | | | | | |
| | George Wangemann*** | P | P | P | A | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Deborah Mack | P | P | A | P | A | P | | | | | | |
| HART | Ricky Carter | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Tray Hicks | P | A | A | P (R) | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Bill Chafin | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| LUMPKIN | Chris Dockery | P | P | P (R) | P | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Sam Norton* | P | P | A | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | J.B. Jones | P | A | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |

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| RABUN | Greg James | P | A | P (R) | P (R) | P (R) | P (R) | | | | | | |
| | Debbie Chisholm | P | A | P | A | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Douglas Wayne | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| STEPHENS | Dean Scarborough** | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | David Austin | P | P | P | A | A | P | | | | | | |
| | Connie Tabor | P | P | P | A | P (R) | A | | | | | | |
| TOWNS | Cliff Bradshaw | P | P | A | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Andrea Gibby | A | P | A | P | A | A | | | | | | |
| | David Stovall | A | P | P (R) | P | P (R) | P | | | | | | |
| UNION | Lamar Paris | P | A | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Jim Conley | P | P | P (R) | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Mitch Griggs | A | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| WHITE | Travis Turner | P | P (R) | P | P (R) | P (R) | A | | | | | | |
| | Annie Sutton | A | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Bill Black | P | P | P | A | P | P | | | | | | |
| GOV APPT. | Rex Farmer | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Angela Whidby | P | P | P | A | P | P | | | | | | |
| | Will Wade | A | A | P | P | P | A | | | | | | |
| SPEAKER APPT. | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary