`GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center
Clarkesville, GA
January 31, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 31, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center in Clarkesville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Habersham County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Stovall called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present	GMRC Staff Present
David Stovall, Chairman	W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Sam Norton, Vice Chairman	Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
L.J. Harrison, Secretary	
Mike Berg	
Bill Chafin	
Rex Farmer	
Leslie George	
Paul Kreager	
Dean Scarborough	

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 15th, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Chafin, seconded by Leslie George, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Danny Lewis announced that Tricia Pridemore, Executive Director for the Governor's Workforce Development Office, would be the program for the Council Meeting. Mr. Lewis stated that if it were not for Ms. Pridemore and Governor Deal, we would not have the two new mobile training units. These were purchased with money from their office that

was going to be running out on July 1. These units will be used primarily for training through our Workforce Development Office, but also could have a double use as possibly a back-up emergency operation center when emergencies happened in one of our counties. These units are a real asset to our area. The units are run by two generators that are fueled by the same diesel they are driven by. The units can also be plugged in and ran by electricity. We are encouraging cities and counties to install an electrical outlet at public locations, such as libraries, community facilities, etc., in order for us to utilize them.

Mr. Lewis and John Phillips met earlier in the month with Ms. Pridemore and members from the State and local Workforce Development Boards. There are 20 Workforce Development sites in Georgia and 12 are run by the Regional Commissions. Ms. Pridemore and the Governor's Office seem to be very pleased with the way that our Workforce Development Office is doing.

Mr. Lewis and staff also attended the Okefenokee Occasion in Atlanta along with about 12 legislators from our region. We had great representation from our area. This event is sponsored by the Southern Regional Commission. Letters had been sent out from our RC inviting all legislators representing our area to attend. GMRC hopes that our May Legislative Appreciation Dinner will be well attended by our Legislators.

OLD BUSINESS

Recap of Annual Meeting

Leslie George, Annual Meeting Committee Chairman stated that we did not have as many sponsors for this Annual Meeting as in the past, but we still came out well. She suggested that Council Members start thinking of sponsors for this coming year. Surveys have been sent out and comments have been positive. Some have suggested that we get a comedian for our entertainment. Leslie commented that as much as we would love to have a comedian, most of them charge more than the $200-300 amount that we normally pay a musician. She suggested that if anyone knows or hears of a comedian, to get their information and amount that they charge and pass it along to the Committee for future use. The entertainment is already booked up for our 2013 Annual Meeting. Angela White, who performed for our 2009 Annual Meeting, will be performing again. Attendance this year was 348.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairman Stovall informed the Executive Committee that the term for all three Council Officers will expire on June 30th. In 2009, when the Regional Commission reorganized due to HB 1216, the Bylaws were rewritten to include terms for the Council Officers. The term is for two years for all three officers. The Chairman is to appoint a Nominating Committee to search for candidates to fill these positions on July 1. Chairman Stovall appointed Rex Farmer, Committee Chairman; Lamar Paris, Vice-Chairman; J.B. Jones, Gerald Voyles, and

Leslie George to the Committee. The Nominating Committee will report to the Council by the April Council Meeting. The Executive Committee approved these appointments.

Signing of Georgia Transparency Affidavit

The Council spoke by phone with Kevin Tallant, GMRC Attorney, regarding whether or not the Council Members needed to sign the affidavit from the Georgia Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. This affidavit states that no action has been taken by this individual in the past year that would benefit them financially. The question was raised last year as to whether or not the Council Members needed to sign these. Mr. Tallant interprets that the Regional Commission is considered a State agency and that the members of the agency would be the one to fill this out. The Executive Director would be the one to sign the affidavit for the Regional Commission.

A motion was made by L.J. Harrison and seconded by Sam Norton for Mr. Tallant to prepare the affidavit for the Executive Director to sign. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of this form will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for their review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stovall announces that there are five new members on the GMRC Council. He encouraged everyone to make them feel welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was recessed to the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm.

David Stovall, Chairman

L.J. Harrison, Secretary