

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hartwell City Hall
Hartwell, GA
February 28, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the New City Hall in Hartwell, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Hartwell.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

David Stovall, Chairman
Sam Norton, Vice Chairman
L.J. Harrison, Secretary
Bill Chafin
Rex Farmer
Leslie George
Dean Scarborough
Kevin Tallant

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 31st, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Leslie George, seconded by Sam Norton, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Danny Lewis stated that Workforce Development hosted a retreat for the WD Board. Mr. Lewis thanked John Phillips and the Workforce Development staff for the great job they did. Sam Norton attended this meeting and felt that everything went well. Mr. Lewis stated that he had heard numerous positive comments regarding this meeting. He apologized for being unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting in Atlanta with Tricia Pridemore and the Governor's Office of Workforce Development.

Chairman Stovall and Mr. Lewis with Dick Mecum soon after he was elected the new Hall County Commission Chairman to inform him on what the RC does. He was very interested in the information provided to him. Last week, Hall County hosted the City/County Managers Meeting at the new location of the Hall County Government Offices. Hall County Manager Randy Knighton and Commission Chairman Dick Mecum hosted this group and provided lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Tim Merritt

Mr. Lewis reported that Forsyth Assistant County Manager and former GMRC Council Member Tim Merritt had previously had surgery for aneurisms on his brain. He had to return to the hospital a second time due to complications and extreme headaches. He is at home now recuperating. Mr. Merritt wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Lewis stated that according to County Manager Doug Derrer, Mr. Merritt will be returning to work in 7 to 10 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Blitz Report

The GMRC Blitz is complete. The GMRC staff visited all 51 communities and met with city and county officials and personnel explaining the services that the GMRC can do for our region. The RC picked up several business leads during these visits. Forms were filled out after each visit and notes were given to each department. Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for taking time to meet with the staff to discuss these issues.

Nomination Committee

In July, the RC Council approved a list of Committees including the Nominating Committee for July 1, 2012 – Jun1 30, 2013. At the January meeting, Chairman Stovall appointed another Nominating Committee. The second Committee has two different committee members from the one approved in July. Mr. Lewis asked which Committee was correct. Chairman Stovall stated that he had removed Sam Norton (at his request) due to him being one of the officers and Lee Mulkey is no longer on the Council. He replaced them with Leslie George and Gerald Voyles. Attorney Kevin Tallant stated that according to the Bylaws the Chairman is to appoint the Committee, but with there being a change to the Committee that was originally approved, the Nominating Committee will need to acknowledge this at their first meeting and approve the two new appointments.

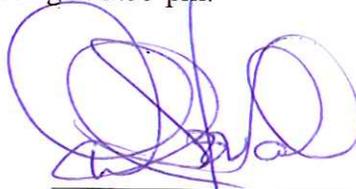
Sponsorships Needed

Chairman Stovall stated that there are four sponsorship dates vacant through the end of the year. He encourages the Executive Committee members to check with their municipality

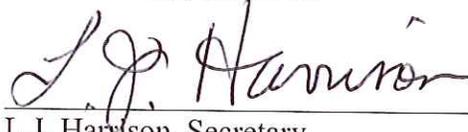
about taking one of these dates. Sam Norton stated that City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County would take one of the dates and Dean Scarborough also stated that Stephens County and City of Toccoa would sponsor one. Chairman Stovall thanked them for taking these two.

ADJOURNMENT

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



David Stovall, Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary