

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Community House
Cornelia, Georgia
April 26, 2012

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 26, 2012, 5:00 p.m. at The Community House in Cornelia, Georgia. The meeting was sponsored by City of Cornelia and Habersham County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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
Mike Berg
Rex Farmer
Leslie George
Paul Kreager
Dean Scarborough

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Becky Sievers, Director of Finance

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 29, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Sam Norton, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn Care Bids

Mr. Lewis reported to the Executive Committee that previously lawn care maintenance bids were sent out for the Ridge Road Office. These bids are for a three year period. The RC

received four bids for these services. The two lowest bids were for the same monthly rate, but one of the bids was cheaper on additional mulch application. One mulch application is figured in the contract, but usually additional applications are needed during the year. Advantage Lawn Maintenance was the lowest bid with \$225.00 per month, with \$150.00 for additional mulch applications. This is the company that currently has the lawn care contract and has performed a satisfactory service for GMRC for a total of 10 years. Mr. Lewis recommended that we accept the bid from Advantage Lawn Maintenance.

Dean Scarborough made a motion that we accept the lowest bid from Advantage Lawn Maintenance for the three year law care contract. Rex Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis also discussed with the Committee that the GMRC sign had been damaged during the night by a tractor trailer making a wrong turn into our parking lot. Adjacent businesses were contacted to see if they had cameras that might have recorded some activity, but most only canvassed their areas. Mr. Lewis stated that he would like to have cameras installed for our building due to theft of gasoline from our vehicles and also during the winter staff are coming to work and leaving in the dark. Chairman Stovall suggested that Mr. Lewis obtain some prices for this and bring it back to the Executive Committee at a later date.

Legislative Appreciation Dinner

Mr. Mike Berg, Dawson County Commission Chairman stated the GMRC Legislative Appreciation Dinner that would be held on May 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Dawsonville City Hall. This meeting will be hosted by Dawson County, City of Dawsonville, and Dawson County Board of Education. He encouraged the Executive Committee to contact their representative and senator from their area and personally invite them to attend. Formal invitations have already been sent but we need to personally invite them.

Chairman Stovall apologized that he would be out of the country and unable to attend the Legislative Appreciation Dinner.

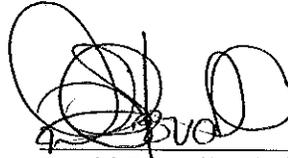
ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

It was discussed as to how to handle citizens that want to attend our Council Meetings. Even though our Council Meetings are open to the public, it is felt to be unfair to sponsoring cities and counties to have to pay for meals for outside citizens. It was suggested that we charge \$15 to people who are not guest of Council Members. There is still the problem of the necessity of getting an RSVP from anyone that plans to have dinner.

It was questioned as to whether or not Frank Norton was going to present his Native Intelligence Report to the Council this year? Mr. Lewis informed the Committee that he is to make his presentation at one of the meetings after July.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned 5:25 pm.

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David Stoyall, Chairman

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L.J. Harrison, Secretary