

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dawson County Junior High School
Dawsonville, GA
May 25, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Dawson County Junior High School in Dawsonville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Dawson County Commission and Dawson County Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

Dean Scarborough, Chairman
Bill Black
Thomas Bridges
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
James Grogan
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
Sam Norton
Lamar Paris
George Wangemann

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, GMRC Counsel

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by George Wangemann, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman thanked Bill Chafin for all the hard work that has been put into the FY18 GMRC Budget.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were one check written during the month of May which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

Georgia Dept. of Economic Development	\$227,402.55
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OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Report

Rex Farmer, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported the Committee met last month and recommended a slate of officers for consideration for the upcoming term. During the month, some changes arose and Chairman Dean Scarborough agreed to be considered as Chairman for another term. The Committee met again and recommends that we keep the same officers as we presently have for 2017-2019: Dean Scarborough (Stephens County) – Chairman; James Grogan (City of Dawsonville) – Vice-Chairman; and George Wangemann (City of Gainesville) - Secretary. The Council will need to vote on this tonight.

George Wangemann made a motion to move this recommendation on to the Council and was seconded by Bill Chafin. Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any discussion. There being none, the Chairman called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Policies and Procedures

The Personnel Policy and Procedures were previously emailed to the Executive Committee for your review. Heather Feldman pointed out a few changes. The new Policies and Procedures include our Mission Statement, Conflict of Interest Policy, Social Media Policy, WorkSource Grievance Policy, and Credit Card Policy. Sam Norton made a motion to approve and Rex Farmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RLF Committee Report

Chairman Scarborough informed the Executive Committee that in reviewing the Bylaws, all RLF loans must be approved by the GMRC Council. Jim Conley, RLF Committee Chairman, reported that the RLF Committee met prior to the Executive Committee and wanted to give a report on the loan. Last year, Bobbers and Beers Steak House applied for a \$72,000 loan but at that time they were denied due to lack of collateral for the amount of money they had applied for. They have resubmitted for a two-year loan for \$20,000 for working capital. Collateral would be first mortgage on a cabin on Lake Hartwell valued at \$64,000. The interest rate on the loan would be 5.75%. Bill Chafin made a motion to recommend approval to the Council. J.B. Jones seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Cleaning Services Contract

Request for Bids were sent out for the weekly cleaning services for both GMRC office buildings. This contract will begin on June 1, 2017 and will be for a three-year period. Eight bids were received and Service Master in Gainesville was the lowest bid with a total of \$603.00 for both buildings. Motion was made by George Wangemann and seconded by J.B. Jones to approve this contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Excused Absence

Andrea Gibby, City of Young Harris had missed three consecutive Council Meetings. According to the Bylaws she would be removed from the Council. Ms. Gibby emailed Chairman Scarborough explaining the besides her being the Mayor of Young Harris she also in the director of the Appalachian Children's Center (for abused children) but that she would love to continue to serve. There are times that they have emergencies that come up and have to be addressed at that time which is the case for missing two of these meetings and the other was their annual fundraiser for the organization. She asked if some of these absences could be excused due to the circumstances. Bills Chafin made a motion to approve two of these absences. Jim Conley seconded and motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Dean Scarborough, Chairman

George Wangemann, Secretary