

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame
Dawsonville, Georgia
May 31, 2012

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 31, 2012, 5:00 p.m. at The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame in Dawsonville, Georgia. The meeting was sponsored by City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Norton called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

Sam Norton, Vice-Chairman
Mike Berg
Bill Chafin
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
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

Vice-Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 26, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by J.B. Jones, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Update of the Regional Plan

Adam Hazell, Director of Planning, reported that the RC, just like the local governments, must complete an update to their Work Program every year. In this process, local governments are given a chance to submit suggestions for new projects or ideas that need to

be accomplished in their area. The report that was presented showed the new projects that could be accommodated this year. If approved, these items need to be submitted to DCA for their review and comments before it is adopted. Adam answered several questions regarding projects that are currently being worked on and about regional water projects. Mike Berg inquired about the Local Comprehensive Planning Procedures and if the RC has representation on that Committee.

Bill Chafin made a motion to submit the Update of the Regional Plan to DCA for their review. Rex Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report from Finance Committee

Bill Chafin, Finance Committee Chairman, reported that the Finance Committee had previously met and reviewed the 2013 GMRC Budget. The Committee discussed that the GMRC employees have not been given a raise or received any cost-of-living increase since 2008 and that their performance evaluations are not tied to a pay increase. It was stated that the Committee felt that there needed to be some type of increase or employees may start looking elsewhere for employment. Different increase rates were discussed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee approved the 2013 GMRC Budget which included a 3% increase and recommended that it be passed on to the Executive Committee for their review. The Executive Committee discussed this at length.

Mr. Lewis stated that when the RC took over WIA in October of this year, he felt that they are underpaid. Becky Sievers, Director of Finance, passed out information regarding an increase for WIA employees to bring their salary in line with other Regional Commission WIA staff. This increase would be in addition to the 3% that was included into the budget. It was questioned as to who would vote on the additional pay increase for WIA employees. Mike Berg stated that the CCEOs would have to vote on this first because they are responsible for the WIA funding and then it would be voted on by the GMRC Council.

Vice Chairman Norton stated that we have two different issues on the floor. It came as a motion from the Finance Committee to accept the 2013 GMRC Budget which includes a 3% increase. Motion was seconded by Dean Scarborough and vote was unanimous.

Bill Chafin also recommended that the salary adjustments for the WIA employees be sent to the CCEO for consideration. Motion was seconded by Rex Farmer and the vote passed unanimously.

Building Cleaning Bids

Mr. Lewis reported RFPs had previously had been sent out for the cleaning services for a three year period for the Ridge Road and Hilton Drive offices. The RC received eight bids with the two lowest bids being identical for both buildings. The Service Fort and Carla Harkins bid \$300 for the Ridge Road office and \$250 for the Hilton Drive office. Mr. Lewis stated that both bids with references are included in the Executive Committee packet. He asked the Executive Committee to make a recommendation as to which company to contract

with. It was discussed that The Service Fort is a larger company with more employees and more references.

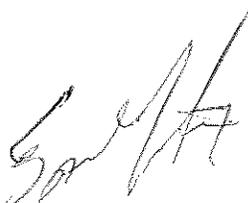
Mike Berg made a motion to contract with The Service Fort for the cleaning contract for the three year period. Bill Chafin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Mr. Lewis announced that City of Dawsonville would be dedicating the room adjacent to the City Hall Council Chambers to Joe Lane Cox at 5:30 p.m. and invited the Executive Committee Members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned 5:25.



Sam Norton, Vice-Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary