

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Civic Center
Gainesville, GA
June 25, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, June 25, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at The Civic Center in Gainesville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Gainesville.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

Sam Norton, Chairman
Dean Scarborough, Vice Chairman
Mike Berg
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Rex Farmer
Leslie George
J.B. Jones
Lamar Paris
George Wangemann

GMRC Staff Present

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

Guests

George Nolan
James Grogan, Vice Chairman Elect

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Dean Scarborough, seconded by Leslie George, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Sam Norton expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Executive Committee during the last two years as Chairman. In appreciation, he invited the Executive Committee and spouses to dinner (his treat) on July 22, 2015 at 6:00 at Achasta in Dahlonega.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Commissioner Mark Butler with Department of Labor (DOL) would be the speaker for tonight's meeting. Our Workforce Development Department does a lot of work with DOL. One of the Mobile Training Units (MTUs) is set up out in the parking lot for people to tour and visualize how they work with the unemployed. These units are constantly out in our cities and counties at different locations assisting businesses that are closing down, job fairs, public libraries, etc. Due to the fact that they are so busy, the RC turned down a request from another RC to bring one of the units over to their area. The staff hopes to catch Mr. Butler and others before the meeting to tour the unit. DOL use to oversee our Workforce Development operation.

In the Workforce Development Department, some promotions were given to staff members. One of these promotions was given to Ebony Tucker, who came through the WD program as a participant before being hired for her job. Just one illustration of how the program does work.

Faith Bryan will be updating the Council on the deliverables of the Ortho Photography project. Some of the deliverables are coming in for the cities and counties.

Mr. Lewis thanked the Executive Committee for their dedication and attendance to our meetings. Some RCs have a problem getting enough of their Council Members to attend for a quorum. We average having 75 people to attend our Council Meetings.

Mr. Lewis reminded the Executive Committee that the DOAAS Audit that was previously performed on the RC will be coming out soon to the cities and counties, legislators, and Council. The RC will have two weeks to reply to any remarks and findings that they have in the Audit.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were four checks written during the month of June which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DHS Contract

Chairman Norton informed the Executive Committee that he will be asking the Council to amend the Agenda to include the 2016 Department of Human Services (DHS) contract. When we entered into contract in 2015 with DHS for transit services, our Attorney added a clause relieving the RC of any liability. When the RC was audited this year, the auditors stated that no other RCs had a liability clause in their transit contract and wanted it removed from the new contract. When the contract was presented to GMRC it was only to serve as fiscal agent for the pass through money, process reports, and write the checks to providers. All other RCs that handle the transit contracts have an Aging Program which works hand in hand with the transit program due to the fact that most of these RCs are already providing some type of transit services, have vans for transportation, meals on wheels, etc.

In 2015, GMRC only received \$20,000 for administering this contract. If GMRC is liable for this program, we would have to hire extra people to go out and inspect the vans/buses and this would not be feasible for the amount of money received. The Finance Committee, along with the Chairman and Executive Director, recommend that the GMRC not renew the 2016 DHS Transit Contract. It was discussed that with the current contract ending June 30, 2015, would DHS have time to find someone to do the contract. Mr. Lewis stated that the RC has been in communication with DHS since April letting them know that unless we can leave the liability clause in the contract that the RC probably would not renew for next year. DHS stated that they could handle it through their Atlanta office.

Bill Chafin made a motion to recommend to the Council to drop the 2016 DHS Transit contract. Motion was seconded by George Wangemann and motion carried unanimously.

Council Private Sector Representatives

According to the Bylaws, the GMRC Private Sector representatives should be reappointed each year. Chairman Norton stated that the Private Sector Representatives on the Council are some of the most active members. He was very pleased that all representatives have agreed to serve for the upcoming year. These members are Leslie George, Charlie Auvermann, Randall Toussaint, Gerald Voyles, Ken Schubring, Deborah Mack, Bill Chafin, J.B. Jones, Doug Wayne, L.J. Harrison, David Stovall, Mitch Griggs, and Bill Black. Chairman Norton thanked these representatives for being so active on the Council and representing their cities/counties.

Mike Berg made a motion to present this slate of Private Sector Representatives to the Council for approval. Leslie George seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Evaluation of GMRC Executive Director

Chairman Norton stated that forms had previously been emailed to the Executive Committee for each one to evaluate the GMRC Executive Director and return to him. Forms were also passed out to ones that had not already filled theirs out. A perfect score on the evaluation form is 50. Chairman Norton will average the numbers from the form and present it to the Council tonight.

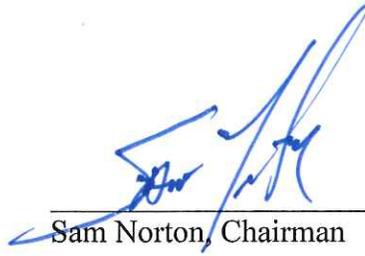
ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Chairman Norton spoke of his appreciation to the Executive Committee for their leadership and service for the last two years. The Executive Committee thanked Chairman Norton for his guidance and leadership.

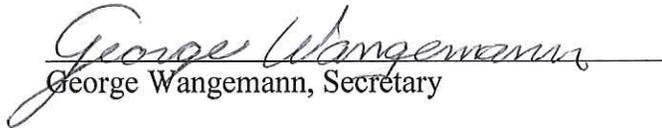
The July Council Meeting will be held at the Forsyth Conference Center in Cumming.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary