

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Waterfall Club  
Rabun County  
June 26, 2014

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, June 26, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at The Waterfall Club in Clayton, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Rabun County Commission.

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  
Bill Black  
Bill Chafin  
Jim Conley  
Rex Farmer  
Leslie George  
David Stovall

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant  
Kevin Tallant, Attorney  
Becky Sievers, Finance Director  
Faith Bryan, GIS Director

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 29, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Leslie George, seconded by David Stovall, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Norton stated that it was time to reappoint the Private Sector Representatives on the GMRC Council. He was proud to say that all 13 positions have agreed to serve for the upcoming year. The members are very active on our Council. Chairman Norton reminded everyone of the attendance policy. Some have gotten very relaxed with the rule, so he is going to discuss the procedure of using a proxy and having some attend in their absence.

The Chairman was very proud of the participation of the cities during the acceptance presentation of the Organization of Ethics" award at the GMA Conference in Savannah. Several

of our cities joined the GMRC Executive Director on stage for this presentation. Chairman Norton feels that this is all the cities' and counties' award.

### Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reiterated what the Chairman had stated about attendance. Last year there was 35% absenteeism on the Council. There are only a couple of Council Members that have perfect attendance.

City of Gainesville has approved for us build a shelter behind our office building located on West Ridge Road to park the two MTUs under. They have agreed to provide all the manpower to pour the concrete if GMRC furnishes the materials. The shelter will be built by the company that we purchase the building from. The MTUs need to park out of the weather due to the satellite equipment on top.

In our new Procurement Policy, the Executive Committee is to be notified of checks that are in excess of \$25,000. This month the RC has seven (7) such checks for payment for tuition, youth worker's comp insurance, accounting software, and transit services. A list of these checks was provided to the Committee. A motion to approve payment of these checks was made by Jim Conley and seconded by Bill Chafin. Motion passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 2015 Aerial Photography/LiDAR Project

Mr. Lewis stated that this Aerial Photography/LiDAR Project is a \$1.2M project. Faith Bryan, Information Services Director, summarized the project. In March 2013, discussion was started for a consortium effort for aerial photography in our region. There was a lot of interest but it was suggested to postpone flying until 2015 season to allow the counties time to better prepare for this project in their budget. In January 2014, another meeting was held with 26 interested counties. A RFP was prepared and sent out to the vendors in March. Six proposals were received. A review committee (made up of representatives from seven participant counties) reviewed these proposals. The decision was not based solely on price. Experience and qualification were major factors in their consideration. The three top vendors were asked to make a presentation on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Vendors addressed concerns and answered questions that the Committee and meeting participants had. A follow up conference call was held with project participants on June 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss vendors' response to some additional questions. With an unanimous decision, the committee chose Quantum Spatial as the vendor. Ms. Bryan introduced Jeff Simmons with Quantum Spatial. Quantum Spatial has done numerous State, Federal, and local projects and they will be teaming with Pictometry to acquire the oblique photography that some of the counties are interest in obtaining. Some counties had done comparisons and by combining with this project, they are saving about 50%. The only two counties in our region that are not participating are Lumpkin and Rabun.

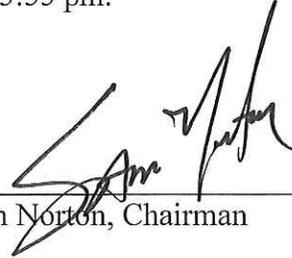
Leslie George made a motion for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Council that they approve Quantum Spatial as the chosen vendor for this project. Jim Conley seconded the motion and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

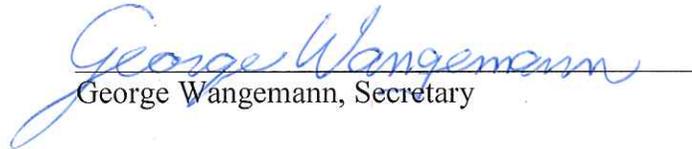
ADJOURNMENT

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



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Sam Norton, Chairman



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George Wangemann, Secretary