

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Teasley House
Hartwell, GA
August 27, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 27, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at The Teasley House in Hartwell, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Hartwell.

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
James Grogan, Vice-Chairman
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Rex Farmer
Leslie George
Lamar Paris

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 25, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Leslie George, seconded by Bill Black, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Finance Department has been working with the new auditors for the last two weeks. They have been working on the in-office portion of the FY15 Audit. Mr. Lewis stated that there will probably be a finding in the audit due to the fact that when the new bank accounts were set up they did not collateralize the money. This was not our error due to the fact that the bank was told that all the money had to collateralized. The bank has corrected the issue but the auditors stated that it was not taken care of by July 1, so it would have to be written up as a finding. Our new auditors are Rushton and Associates and even

though they have never audited a RC, we are very impressed with them. They have worked great with the staff and are very complimentary of the help from the staff.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

T&T Transportation (DHS Transit)
GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.)

OLD BUSINESS

RLF Loan Committee Report

Jim Conley, RLF Committee Chairman, reported that the RLF Committee had met on August 19th and approved a loan for a new business in Hartwell. The loan was approved for \$150,000 to purchase a building in Hartwell and for equipment to make dipping and Bar B Q sauce. These sauces are currently sold in Ingles and Whole Food stores and he has signed two government contracts with the Army. GMRC will hold the 1st lean on the building. Some of the door prizes tonight were donated by the loan applicant.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Report

Leslie George, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported that the Committee had met twice to start making arrangements for the December 4th event. The “Blue Christmas” theme and entertainment have been decided. The reception will begin at 4:45 and dinner at 6:00 and strive to be finished by 9:00. The tickets will remain at \$40 again this year, but this will not cover the cost of the entertainment and other expenses. Each Council Member was encouraged to secure at least one sponsor for this event. The money that is generated goes into the Friends of Georgia Mountains account and any money that is left over provides the Council with items that can’t be purchased with government funds. Cities and Counties were asked to bring door prizes.

2015 NADO Innovation Awards

Mr. Lewis announced that GMRC had received three NADO Innovation Awards this year for the following projects:

- Kings Hawaiian Expansion Project – submitted by Nancy Smallwood
- GMRC Aerial Photography/Lidar Consortium Project – submitted by Faith Bryan
- Training 2 Work Offender Job Training Program – submitted by Diana Eddins-Wiggin

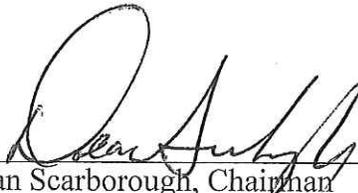
GMRC and one other Regional Commission were the only ones to receive three awards. There would be more information on these projects during the Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

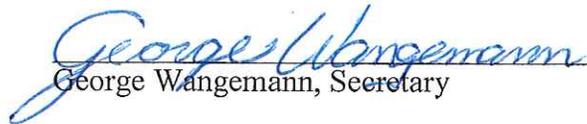
The September Council Meeting will be sponsored by White County Commission with the location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary