

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Civic Center  
Gainesville, Georgia  
August 31, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 31, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center in Gainesville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Gainesville.

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  
Thomas Bridges  
Bill Chafin  
Jim Conley  
James Grogan  
Rex Farmer  
Sam Norton  
George Wangemann  
Angela Whidby

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

REPORTS

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman informed the Committee that she and Andrea Newsom have been discussing rewriting the Financial Procurement Policy. The RC has one and WorkSource has another, but they are not consistent with each other. The RC needs to have one document to handle the financial and procurement for both entities.

Ms. Feldman gave an update on the RLF loan for Corkscrew. This afternoon the RC received notification that the attorneys settled for \$140,000 which was close to the principle amount owed. The funds were supposed to be transmitted by a wire transfer today. The RC will have to write off the late fees, interest, and attorney's fees. If it had not settled, it would have gone into foreclosure and there would have been more legal fees.

The RC is looking to create a new position for WorkSource. We need someone strictly to handle compliance with the new WIOA law, the programmatic monitoring, and financial issues. There have been two fraud cases recently. At this time, there is nothing in place that handles this. One incident was in the Youth Department and the other was Adult. Participants had falsified time sheets and day care reports. There is money in the WorkSource budget for this position. The Council will need to approve this position.

Some of the employees have inquired about the possibility of having family or spousal insurance coverage. Ms. Feldman and Ms. Newsom have been checking into the rates and coverage. Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) has a tiered insurance plan available. Family coverage would be a POS plan instead of the PPO that the employees have and the deductible would be higher. The plan that the RC has now offers family coverage but the rates are so high no one can afford it. The RC pays for the employees insurance, but would not pay for any family or spousal coverage. Ms. Feldman was excited to report that the RC received notice this week that there would not be a rate increase this year for the employee insurance.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

Dalton Carpet One                      \$26,086.97\*

\*This check was written for the carpet replacement due to water leak damage. This will be reimbursed to the RC by the insurance company.

OLD BUSINESS

None

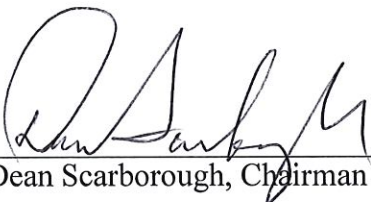
NEW BUSINESS

2017 CEDS Review

Each year the RC must update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) document and every five years it must be rewritten. This is the year for a complete rewrite. Daniel Martin and the Economic Development staff have completed this task and will report to the Council tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

  
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George Wangemann, Secretary