

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

North Georgia Technical College – Currahee Campus  
Toccoa, GA  
September 27, 2012

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 27, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at North Georgia Technical College – Currahee Campus in Toccoa, Georgia. The meeting was sponsored by Stephens County and City of Toccoa.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

David Stovall, Chairman  
Sam Norton, Vice- Chairman  
L.J. Harrison, Secretary  
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

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 30, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Dean Scarborough, seconded by Bill Chafin, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Dee Anderson, Gary Fesperman, and Lamar Paris had been asked to be on the panel tonight to discuss funding and projects that they have worked with in their area. Mr. Paris could not be here there due to a political function in Union County. Some of the topics they will be speaking on are Cornelia has been awarded

three grants for the same project, Lavonia's Ty Cobb Medical Center, and Union County's Senior Center.

GMRC Economic Development staff have been in Atlanta this week at the CDBG Grant Training and the Recipients Award Ceremony.

Mr. Lewis attended the kick-off for the new Union County Cannery and Farmers Market. Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris had a great idea when they built the cannery adjacent to the farmers market. Area citizens are utilizing both facilities. He encouraged everyone that could to visit these two facilities. The RC assisted in acquiring ARC grant funds for these projects

Please notify Peggy Lovell of any changes in newly elected city/county officials. If the elections have caused a vacancy on the RC Council, we need to get these slots filled. Mr. Lewis and Chairman Stovall have already met with the new Hall County Commission Chairman and briefed him on what the GMRC can do for Hall County.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Annual Meeting

Chairman Stovall reminded the Committee that every Council Member needs to get at least one sponsor for the Annual Meeting. For a \$250 sponsorship, this includes two tickets to the event and recognition on the slide show and also during the meeting. Remember, this is our 50<sup>th</sup> year that the organization has been in existence. We will kick this off at the Annual Meeting.

#### CEDS Review Process

The CEDS document has been on the table for a 30 day review period and will be considered by the Council tonight.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Audit Process

Becky Sievers spoke with the Auditors and they hope to have an Audit for the staff to review by the end of next week. At that time, the Audit will go to the Audit Committee for their review, next to the Executive Committee, and then on to the Council for their consideration. The Audit would not have a full 30 days for review due to the November meeting being moved up to the 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holidays. The Executive Committee discussed several alternatives to deal with this matter. Chairman Stovall suggested that the Council waive the 30 day review time. They would receive the Audit in October and vote on it in November.

## Voting for GMRC Council Member of the Year

Each year the Council Members vote for the GMRC Council Member of the Year. The voting will be handled the same as last year. Peggy will email the ballots to the Council Members on Monday and ask that they be returned by October 19<sup>th</sup>. Each Council Member will vote on five people with the first name receiving five points, second receiving four points, etc. After the deadline, the ballots will be tallied to determine the recipient. Council Members that are eligible served from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. This award should be awarded to the Council Member who gave the most to the Regional Commission's success during this period of time.

## GARC Annual Conference

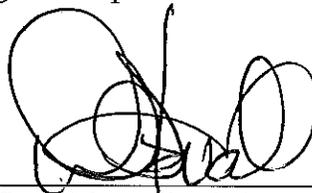
The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC) Annual Meeting will be held at the King and Prince Resort on St. Simons Island on November 7-9, 2012. There will be great speakers and this would be a good time to network with other city/county and state officials. GMRC has a block of rooms reserved. If you plan to attend, please let Peggy know to reserve your room.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stovall announced the October GMRC Council Meeting would be held at The Montaluce Winery in Dahlonega. The meeting will be sponsored by Lumpkin County and City of Dahlonega.

## ADJOURNMENT

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



David Stovall, Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary