

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Woodlands Camp
Cleveland, Georgia
September 28, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the new Chapel for the Woodlands Camp in Cleveland, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by White County and City of Cleveland.

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
Bill Black
Thomas Bridges
Bill Chafin
James Grogan
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
Lamar Paris
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 August 31, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by George Wangemann and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman reminded the Committee that at the Annual Meeting there are several awards given out. The staff selects the Appointed Official and Elected Official; Chairman Scarborough selects the Chairman's Award; and the Executive Director selects the Employee of the Year. The Council votes for the Council Member of the Year Award. Ballots will be emailed out on Monday along with a list of eligible members. Each Council Member was asked to vote for the five top Council Members. Deadline for returning their form is October 31st.

Also last year was the first year that the GMRC presented the Employee Service Awards. This year there will only be four of these awards given. Ms. Feldman feels that it is important to recognize the employees for their service.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

GMEBS – Health, Dental, Life	\$25,713.00
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OLD BUSINESS

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) was rewritten this year and was sent to the Executive Committee and Council previously for their review. GMRC only received positive feedback and there have been no changes made to the document. Angela Whidby made a motion to approve the CEDS document as written and pass it on to the Council. George Wangemann seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FY17 Budget Amendments

Mr. Bill Chafin, Finance Committee Chairman informed the Executive Committee that some amendments needed to be made to the FY17 Budget. The amendments for WorkSource funds are due to the ability to transfer funds for WorkSource from one area to another. Also, three new budget items needed to be added due to the Aerial Photography project carrying over into FY17 and two Planning projects which were overspent and had to be covered with match money. The Finance Committee recommended these adjustments be made. J.B. Jones made a motion to approve these Budget Amendments. Thomas Bridges seconded the motion and motion carried.

It was recommended by the Finance Committee that amendments to the FY18 Budget be done throughout the year, instead of all at the end.

Annual Meeting

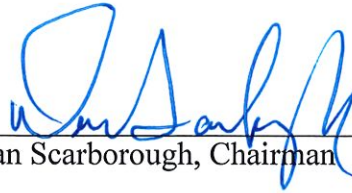
Angela Whidby, Annual Meeting Committee Chair reported that plans are being secured for the December 1st event. We will have something new for entertainment this year. Tickets for this year are \$42 per person and November 13th is the deadline to purchase tickets. Hillside Orchard will donate 400 jars of some type of jam or jelly for each person. Cities and counties were encouraged to bring door prizes. Sponsorship remains at \$250 which included two tickets. The Dillard House Conference Center is working on more speakers to type to help with being able to hear.

Executive Director Evaluation

It is time for the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation. Heather was hired as Executive Director in October 2016. The evaluation form will be emailed to the Executive Committee and should be returned by October 31st.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary