

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Office
Young Harris, GA
November 21, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, November 21, 2013, 5:15 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Office in Young Harris, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Young Harris and Blue Ridge Mountain EMC.

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
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Leslie George
L.J. Harrison
Lamar Paris
David Stovall

GMRC Staff Present

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Leslie George, seconded by Bill Chafin, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

In consideration of time, there were no reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Report

Leslie George reported that the Council had done a great job of getting sponsors this year. Ticket sales are almost maxed out. Everything is set to go and the date is just around the corner. Hope to see everyone there.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendments/Procurement Policy

Kevin Tallant, GMRC Attorney, addressed the Bylaws amendments and the new Procurement Policy. The first amendment to the Bylaws accomplishes two things. It takes the governing of the expenditure of funds and removes it from the Bylaws and places it in the new Procurement Policy. The Procurement Policy is an extensive document and covers ordering office supplies, check signing, RFPs, etc. Both items need to be approved because they reflect on the other.

The second amendment clears up an error in one paragraph of the Bylaws that addresses voting by proxy. Both amendments to the Bylaws and the new Procurement Policy have previously been sent to the Council for their review.

Bill Chafin recommended that these two items be sent to the Council for their consideration. David Stovall seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Appointments for Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D Council

The Regional Commission has two positions on the Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D Council. Will Wade and Adam Hazell have served in these positions for 2013. We need to see if they are willing to serve for 2014 or see if anyone else would like to serve. RC&D Council's meetings are at lunch on a quarterly basis and the location moves from county to county in our region. We need representatives that can represent the RC at these meetings. This will be brought before the Council for appointments.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Norton stated that the Executive Committee needed to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and real estate acquisition. Leslie George made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session allowed by OCGA 50-14-4 and motion was seconded by Bill Chafin. Motion was unanimous.

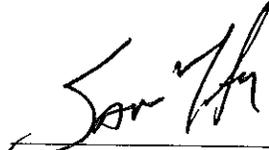
Attorney Kevin Tallant gave a report on where the RC stood with the negotiation of terminating the lease on the Hilton Drive office location and the availability of the City of Gainesville's office building at Ridge Road.

After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Chafin and was seconded by Jim Conley to end the Closed Executive Session and the Executive Committee would reconvene and at that time the Chairman execute an affidavit stating the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. (Affidavit attached)

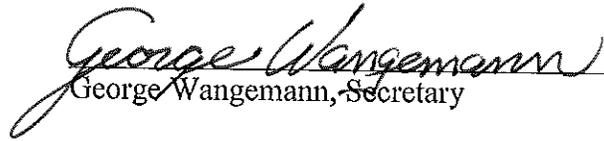
No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by David Stovall to recess to the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm. Motion was seconded by Jim Conley and passed unanimously.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oath, Sam Norton, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

5) I was the presiding officer of an Executive Committee meeting of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission held on the 21st day of November, 2013.

6) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

7) The subject matter of the closed meeting held on the 21st day of November, 2013, which was closed for the purpose(s) of: Personnel Real Estate Litigation as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

8) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-17-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 21st day of November, 2013.



Chair, GMRC Council

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 21st day of November, 2013



Notary Public

PEGGY LOVELL
NOTARY PUBLIC, HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 19, 2015