

**Council of Chief Elected Officials  
Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center  
Clarkesville, GA  
January 31, 2013**

Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Mike Berg called the meeting of the Council of Chief Elected Officials (CCEOs) to order at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center at 5:00 pm. Mr. Berg serves as the Chair of the CCEOs. A quorum was established.

Members Present and County Represented

Mike Berg, Dawson County  
Bill Myers, Hart County  
Chris Dockery, Lumpkin County  
Dick Mecum, Hall County  
Jimmy Hooper, Banks County  
Lamar Paris, Union County  
Stanley Darnell, Rabun County  
Thomas Bridges, Franklin County  
Travis Turner, White County

Staff Present

Danny Lewis, Executive Director  
John Phillips, WD Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

Approval of Agenda

Dick Mecum made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Travis Turner and motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Stanley Darnell made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was Seconded by Bill Myers and motion carried unanimously.

Brief Explanation and Duties of CCEO

This group is the Chairmen's group of the Workforce Development (WD) program. Some of you on this group have been involved for about two years and others are new to the group. Mr. Berg introduced John Phillips who is the Director of the Georgia Mountains Workforce Development (GMWD). This group meets on an as needed basis. The CLEOs are in charge of \$9M in the course of two years which is the budget for WD. The GMWD has 17 employees who work to train or retrain both kids and adults to enter the business field or revise their plans to have a business. Since this group is responsible for the money, the CLEOs meet every so often just so we are informed and aware of what is going on. As some of you know, in the past we did not know what was going on with the money nor did we know that we were members of the Board, so we had to make some changes.

This group is also over the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and makes the nominations for this Board. The WIB Board consists of 26 members and has designated slots from all 13 and counties but also includes Unions, Technical Colleges, etc. The CLEOs are one of 20 Boards.

Some are through the Regional Commission (RC) and other boards are independent. Ms. Tricia Pridemore, State Director of WD answers to the State Board. She will be speaking at the Council Meeting at little later tonight. WD does a lot of good work and has a lot going on.

The MTUs that are on display tonight are training units that were just purchased for WD. These units were bought with WD money. Danny Lewis, GMRC Executive Director, stated that the two MTUs will be housed out in our region. One will be housed in Union County and the other in Dawson or Hall County. They will probably be housed at the Board of Education because we can use their fuel pumps and they might possibly help with maintenance. We are presently trying to hire two drivers/teachers for the MTUs. These units house 7 and 9 computer stations. They run off of generators powered by diesel or can be pulled into electrical outlets. Where we could us the Board's help is, if there is a location in your county that could install the electrical plug for these units to use would be wonderful (libraries, city halls, courthouses). When they are in your area they could plug into it and not have to run off the generators.

### New Business

#### Election of Officers

Mr. Berg reported to the Board that it is time to refill the Officers positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.

The floor was opened for nominations of Chair. Lamar Paris nominated Mike Berg as Chairman and was seconded by Stanley Darnell. Nominations were closed and with no discussion. Mr. Berg was unanimously elected as Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations of Vice-Chair. Travis Turner nominated Lamar Paris as Vice Chair and was seconded by Chris Dockery. Nominations were closed and with no discussion. Mr. Paris was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations of Secretary. Chris Dockery nominated Travis Turner as Secretary and was seconded by Dick Mecum. Nominations were closed and with no discussion. Travis Turner was unanimously elected as Secretary.

#### Vote on 2013 Workforce Investment Budget

John referred to the Budget spreadsheet in the packet. The total WD Budget is \$9,018,207 with Adult funds of \$2,765,335, Youth funds of \$2,923,805, and Dislocated funds of 3,329,067. The confusing part of the WD Budget is it is a two year cycle and the next year we get another two year cycle. WD must have 80% of the Budget appropriated to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. (That is how we bought the MTUs last year. We had the money left at the end of the time period and needs to spend it or it would be sent back to the State to be placed in a different district. We wanted to use the funds in our district.) John pointed out that there are some negative numbers which means we are spending into next year's budget, which is not a bad thing. Our Budget is front end located. Grant money is done in September and another cycle that comes through in October. It is the hardest budget to understand. The cut off dates for the cycles is June 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. GMWD is now under the Governor's Office of Workforce Development not the Department of Labor.

Motion was made by Dick Mecum to approve the Budget and was seconded by Bill Myers. No other discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Conflict of Interest Statement

This Conflict of Interest form is the same as the form that all City and County Government Officials have to sign each year. Since each of the members of this Board has already signed one for the office that you hold, we will not have to get another one signed. According to GMRC's attorney, Danny Lewis will sign a form for GMWD.

#### Discussion of Future Meetings

Mr. Berg informed the Board that he planned to only have one more meeting this year unless something comes up and a meeting is needed. John Phillips runs the program and will keep us informed. It is up to John and the WIB Board to run the program and unless something comes up that we need to meet on, we will not.

#### Travel Reimbursement for WIB Members

As discussed previously in the WIB Board Meeting, the Union representative on the WIB Board has requested that he be reimbursed for his travel expenses to and from the meetings. The Board suggested that we get information from the other RCs as to whether or not to pay travel expenses for Board Members. Northeast Georgia RC replied that they do not pay travel expenses for regular meetings, but does pay expenses for special meetings. Mr. Berg stated that this item would need to be tabled until we get more information on this matter. It is not a question for us until it comes from the WIB Board.

#### Financial Update

Mr. Berg stated that the Financial Update is in the packet for your review. If you have any questions, please contact John Phillips.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Dockery and seconded by Travis Turner. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

  
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Mike Berg, CCEO Chairman