

**Local Elected Officials Meeting
Cumming City Hall
April 30, 2015**

MINUTES

The Local Elected Officials (LEOs) met on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clock Tower Room of the Cumming City Hall in Cumming, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Berg serves as the Chairman of the Local Elected Officials (LEOs). Mr. Berg called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was established. The following members were present:

Members Present and County Represented

Mike Berg, Chairman (Dawson County)
Brian Tam for Pete Amos (Forsyth County)
Bill Chafin for Jimmy Carey (Hart County)
Chris Dockery (Lumpkin County)
Jim Bleckley for Greg James (Rabun County)
Dean Scarborough for Dennis Bell (Stephens County)
Lamar Paris (Union County)
Travis Turner (White County)

GMRC Staff Present

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

Others

Kevin Tallant, GMRC Counsel
Sam Norton, GMRC Council Chairman

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 31, 2013 meeting were previously emailed to the members. Mr. Berg asked for consideration of these minutes. Motion was made by Travis Turner and seconded by Brian Tam to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the October 30, 2014 meeting were also emailed to the members. Mr. Berg asked for consideration of these minutes. Motion was made by Brian Tam and seconded by Travis Turner to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

New WIOA Regulations

John Phillips, GMWD Director informed the Board of the rule changes for WIOA. The Board would have these changes for 60 days to review and the comment deadline is June 15, 2015. The changes are posted on www.regulations.com website and would go into effect on July 1. These are based on Federal rules which the State adopted and some additions were made by the State. Some items would be changes to the Board composition; no change to funding; and WD will be working with same staff with the possibility of adding one new staff member. One main change will be Youth will work with 25% in-school participants and 75% out-of-school participants, when previously the numbers were 80% in-school

and 20% out-of-school. There will be more out-of-school participants and some will be doing apprenticeships.

Designation of Georgia Mountains Area II

The Federal government wants to reauthorize all the local areas in the United States. Georgia Mountains has met or surpassed all of our performance measures so GMRC WD needs to go through the steps of reauthorization of Area II. Chris Dockery made a motion to continue to be the Georgia Mountains Area II. Travis Turner seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Designation of Fiscal Agent

Several years ago the Georgia Mountains RC was voted to be the Fiscal Agent for Workforce Development and is currently serving in that role. No other agencies have presented requests to become the Fiscal Agent. Dean Scarborough made a motion for Georgia Mountains RC to continue be the Fiscal Agent for Workforce Development. Motion was seconded by Brian Tam and passed unanimously. The question was presented as to whether or not the position of Fiscal Agent had to go out for bid. Legal Counsel stated that this did not have to go out for bid.


New WIOA Composition

The Board will be changing from the WD Board and the size would reduce from 25 members to 19 with a minimum of ten business representatives, which would be people who hire and train individuals. Workforce represents 25% of the Board which would consist of community based leaders, unions, and apprentices; two from education which would consist of two technical colleges, one representing the adult education and one upper level education. The Bylaws would have to be rewritten to reflect these changes.

We have two options which are, making these Board changes now or carry over the current WD Board until September which would allow time for the RC to find individuals to fill the positions on the new Board. A motion was made by Bill Chafin to keep the Board composition the same until September. Motion was seconded by Brian Tam and motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dean Scarborough made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Chris Dockery. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Mike Berg, Chairman