

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING / AWARDS BANQUET

Dillard House Conference Center
Dillard, Georgia
December 2, 2011

MINUTES

The GMRC Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet was held on Friday, December 2, 2011, 6:00 pm at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, Georgia. A reception with a cash bar was held prior to the meeting.

WELCOME

Chairman David Stovall welcomed everyone to the GMRC 49th Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. He thanked everyone for attending.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

Chaplain L.J. Harrison gave the devotion, invocation, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful buffet dinner.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Stovall recognized the following special guests: Senator-elect Steve Gooch and his wife, Shannon; Senator Bill Jackson, representing District 24; Darren Kendall, Aide for Senator Saxby Chambliss; Tate Izlar, Aide for Senator Johnny Isakson; Jordan Chinouth, Aide for Congressman Paul Broun; former GMRDC Board Chairmen, Bill Stewart and Marie Whitworth-Perry; Chris Groskreutz, Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D; and Pat Freeman, Legacy Link.

RECOGNITION OF ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Chairman Stovall recognized and thanked Leslie George, Committee Chairman, Bill Black, Calvin Byrd, Jim Conley, Angela Whidby, Audrey Turner, and Doug Wayne for serving on the Annual Meeting Committee and for the great job they did this year in planning this event.

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

Danny Lewis recognized all the sponsors that helped to make this meeting possible. He asked that all representatives from these sponsors to stand as they were recognized. Sponsors were AdelRid; CHA; Charles Black Construction Company; Document Destruction; Engineering Management, Inc.; Forge Consulting; Forward Bound Mobility; Habersham EMC; Hayes James Associated, Inc.; HOK, Inc.; Hudson Material Company, LLC; LAI Engineering; Law Offices of Grant & Green, LLC; Miles, Patterson, Hansford, and Tallant; Merchant Capital; Modern Woodmen of America; Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.; MSI Benefits Group, Inc.; North Georgia Handi House; Orkin Pest Control of Northeast Georgia; Pond & Company; Quality Industries; Rushton & Company; The Heart of Town, Inc.; The Norton Agency; The Samuels

Law Firm; Traylor Business Services, Inc.; United Community Bank; and Winter Construction Company. He stated that if it weren't for sponsors like these, we would not be able to have a nice event such as this.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman Stovall recognized all Council Members that have served on the Council during the last year, but are no longer serving. He presented appreciation certificates to Katheryn Grandberg, Rabun County; Grover Garrett, Towns County; and Helen Hardman, Speaker of the House's Appointment. Chairman Stovall thanked each of these for serving and for their participation on the Board.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GMRC Executive Director W. Danny Lewis announced that this year, the GMRC is presenting five special awards. Chairman Stovall assisted Mr. Lewis in presenting the first four awards as follows:

- (1) GMRC Employee of the Year (chosen by the GMRC Executive Director) – Dr. David Sargent, Director of Community and Economic Development.
- (2) Appointed Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff by secret ballot) – Billy Morse, County Manager for Franklin County.
- (3) Elected Official of the Year (chosen by GMRC staff by secret ballot) – Angela Whidby, Franklin County Commissioner.
- (4) Council Member of the Year (chosen by GMRC Board by secret ballot) – Sam Norton, City Councilman for the City of Dahlonega.

Mr. Lewis congratulated the award recipients and thanked them for their valuable service to the GMRC and the area.

The last award was chosen by the GMRC Council Chairman. This award is called the Chairman's Award. The recipient of the Chairman's Award for this year is Todd Long, Planning Director for Georgia Department of Transportation.

ENTERTAINMENT

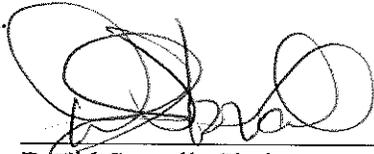
Council Member Calvin Byrd introduced Mr. Kevin Woody as the entertainment for this event. He is a resident of Habersham County and teaches music at Habersham Middle School. Mr. Woody was previously a contestant on Nashville Star. He entertained the audience with a variety of songs.

DOOR PRIZES

Numbers for door prizes were drawn by Chairman Stovall and gifts were distributed by GMRC staff. These gifts were donated by the cities and counties in the Georgia Mountains region and the Friends of Georgia Mountains.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



David Stovall, Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary

GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2011-2012

COUNTY	COUNCIL MEMBER	7/28/11	8/25/11	9/29/11	10/27/11	11/17/11	12/2/11	1/26/12	2/23/12	3/29/12	4/26/12	5/31/12	6/28/12
BANKS	Sammy Reece	P	P	A	A	P	A						
	Jerry Payne	P	P	P	A	P	P						
	Leslie George	A	P	A	P	P	P						
DAWSON	Mike Berg	P	A	P	P	A	P						
	Calvin Byrd	P	A	P	P	A	P						
FORSYTH	Charlie Auvermann	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Brian Tam	P	P	P	A	A	A						
	Ralph Perry	P	A	A	A	A	P						
	James McCoy	P	A	P	P	A	A						
FRANKLIN	Angela Whidby	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Ralph Owens	P	A	P	P	A	P						
	Gerald Voyles	P	P	P	P	P	P						
HABERSHAM	Lee Mulkey	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Audrey Turner	P	A	P	A	P	P						
HALL	Todd Pealock	(NDP)	P	A	P	P	P						
	Vacant												
	George Wangemann	P	A	A	P	A	A						
HART	Deborah Mack	A	P	A	A	A	P						
	Bill Myers	P	P	P	P	A	A						
	Tray Hicks	P	P	P	A	A	P						
	Bill Chafin	P	P	P	A	P	P						
LUMPKIN	Dr. John Raber	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	Sam Norton**	P	P	P	P	A	P						
	J.B. Jones	P	A	A	P	P	P						

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RABUN	Stan Darnell	(N/A)	A	P	P	A	P						
	Debbie Chisholm	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P						
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough	P	P	P	P	A	P						
	Ron Seib	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	L.J. Harrison	P	P	P	P	P	P						
TOWNS	Bill Kendall			P	P (R)	P (R)	P						
	Joan Crothers	P	A	A	P	P	A						
	David Stoval*	P	P	P	A	P	P						
UNION	Lamar Paris	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Jim Conley	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Mitch Griggs	P	P	A	P	P	P						
WHITE	Travis Turner	P	A	P (R)	P	P (R)	P						
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	Bill Black	P	A	P	P	A	P						
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Paul Kresger	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	Will Wade	P	P	P	P	P	A						
LT. GOV. APPT.	Kevin Tallant	P	P	P	P	A	P						
SPEAKER APPT.	Peter Hill	P (N)	P	P	P	P	P						

P = PRESENT A = ABSENT * = REPRESENTED V = VACANCY E = EXCUSED (N) = NEW MEMBER

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary