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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia
Minutes Summary
March 28, 2018

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 15 Counties)

Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman Co.
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion Co.
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee Co.,
RVRC Secretary
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Randy Howard, Sumter County, RVRC
Vice Chair
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Tameka Harris, Taylor County

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG
Tony Kennedy, Webster County
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee Co.
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Dir.
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Rick Morris, Planning Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Jim Livingston, Comm. & Eco. Dev. Dir.
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Kia Barrow, ADRC Program Director
Janice West, WIOA Director
Joel Hanif, Community Developer
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Members Not Present

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion Co.
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC
Chair
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County

James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Jason Hoch, Schley County
Jeanie Barte, City of Cordele
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Mickey George, Macon County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Tom Queen, Taylor County

Others Present

Elaine Gillispie, Congressman Bishop's
Representative
Sarah Lee Crumbs, Georgetown-
Quitman Co. Family
Connections Coordinator
Lindsey Glisson, Deputy Clerk of
Council, Muscogee County
Candy Head, Georgia Department of
Labor
Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Randy Howard, Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and recognized visitors. He then asked Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County, to lead the council in prayer and Melvin Crimes, Webster County, then lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 28, 2018 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Randy Howard, Vice Chair, requested a motion to approve the February 28, 2018 council minutes. Barry Waters, Fort Gaines, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Regional Defense Transformation Update

Randy Howard, asked Mr. Gary Jones, Executive Vice-President of Military Affairs at the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to come forward and give his presentation. Mr. Jones gave a slide show presentation updating the council on the overall regional impact of Fort Benning on the region.

Update of the Regional Plan

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner, updated the council on the progress being made on the Regional Plan. She said she anticipates in April that the plan will be brought before the council for approval to transmit to the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

Staff Reports

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Rick Morris, Planning Director; Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director; Kia Barrow, ADRC Program Director; and Janice West, WIOA Director; presented staff reports for their departments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council; the meeting was adjourned.

*Required Council Action

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