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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
Minutes Summary
August 24, 2016

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 16 Counties)

- A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
- Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
- Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
- Chip Jones, Stewart County
- Clark Henderson, Crisp County
- Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair
- Debbie Stone, Stewart County
- Doug Etheridge, Harris County
- Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
- Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
- Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County
- Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
- Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
- George Moore, Webster County
- Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
- James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
- Jason Hoch, Schley County
- Jeanie Barteel, City of Cordele
- Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County
- Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
- Harry Lange, Harris County
- Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
- Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
- Lee Hubbard, Clay County

- Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
- Melvin Crimes, Webster County
- Mickey George, Macon County
- Mike Speight, Crisp County, RVRC Secretary
- Pam Jordan, Talbot County
- Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
- Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
- Richard McCorkle, Marion County
- Richard Morris, Georgetown-Quitman Co., RVRC V-Chair
- Shirley Ann Christian, City of Fort Gaines
- Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
- Tom Queen, Taylor County
- Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

Members Not Present

- Barry Whitley, City of Butler
- Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
- David Kinsey, Georgetown-Quitman County
- Greg Barineau, Schley County
- James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
- Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
- Nelson Brown, City of Americus
- Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
- Randy Howard, Sumter County
- Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
- Wally Summers, Sumter County

Staff Present

- Patti Cullen, Executive Director
- Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
- Katie Howard, AAA Director
- Rick Morris, Planning Director
- Emily Chambers, Finance Officer

- Allison Slocum, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation
- Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development
- Janice West, WIOA Director
- Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Others Present

- Craig Dominey, Senior Film Location Specialist/Camera Ready Program Manager
- Gordon Rogers, Ex. Director & Flint Riverkeeper
- Kathy Burns, Rep. for Senator Perdue
- Linda Adams, City of Ellaville
- Elaine Gillispie, Rep. for Congressman Sanford Bishop

- Colin Martin, Rep. for Congressman Lynn Westmoreland
- Janet Joiner, City of Vienna
- Ricky Hood, City of Hamilton
- Sylvia Russell, Marion County
- Candice Head, GDOT
- Vickie Wainwright City of Butler,

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Richard Morris, Vice Chair, led the council in prayer and Mike Speight, Secretary, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 22, 2016 council meeting. Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Columbus, seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Camera Ready In The River Valley Region

Craig Dominey, Senior Film Location Specialist/Camera Ready Program Manager, gave a slide show presentation explaining the advantages of the region being “camera ready” such as increased tax revenue, employment opportunities and future tourism potential.

Flint Riverkeeper: Citizens Working for Enough Clean Water for Our Families, Farms and Businesses

Gordon Rogers, Executive Director & Flint Riverkeeper, gave a presentation about the importance of working toward making sure there is an ample clean water supply for the citizens of the State and the daily work needs of farms and businesses.

Adopt Amendment to the RVRC EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan*

Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director, requested council adopt an amendment to the RVRC EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan. She explained the plan was revised to comply with Federal guidelines.

Clark Henderson, Crisp County, made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund Plan, seconded by Harry Lange, Harris County. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Private Sector Council Members*

Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director, explained that private sector members must be appointed to the council each year. She said all private sector nominees had been contacted to determine their interest in serving as a private sector member on the Council. Sarah said one position is vacant and that someone would be appointed to that position later in the year. Recommendations for private sector representatives were as follows:

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| Mike Speight, Crisp County | Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County |
| Doug Etheridge, Harris County | Tommy McKenzie, Macon County |
| James “Bump” Welch, Marion County | Tom Queen, Taylor County |
| Patricia Goodman, Randolph County | Pam Jordan, Talbot County |
| Chip Jones, Stewart County | Jason Hoch, Schley County |
| Wally Summers, Sumter County | Fred Gordon, Muscogee County |

Jerry “Pops” Barnes made a motion to accept the private sector recommendations; George Moore, Webster County, seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Audit and Collection of Unpaid 911 Fees*

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, requested the council to adopt a resolution authorizing the Regional Commission to provide technical assistance to the counties and cities located in the River Valley region which passed a resolution requesting such assistance regarding the audit and collection of unpaid 911 fees.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to adopt a resolution to move forward with the audit and collection of unpaid 911 fees; Richard Morris, Georgetown Quitman County; seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt AAA Conflict of Interest Policy*

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, requested the council adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy with guidelines set forth by the State for the River Valley Area Agency on Aging department. Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe, made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy; Evelyn Turner-Pugh, City of Columbus, seconded the motion.

Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director; Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Rick Morris, Planning Director; Janice West, WIOA Director and Jim Livingston, Community and Economic Development Director presented staff reports for their departments.

Adjourn

Chair Clinton Perry, Jr. then adjourned the meeting.