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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Josh Gibson Center
20 Josh Gibson Way
Buena Vista, Georgia

Minutes Summary

May 25, 2016

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 12 Counties)
A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair
David Kinsey, Georgetown-Quitman County
Debbie Stone, Stewart County
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
George Moore, Webster County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Mickey George, Macon County
Mike Speight, Crisp County, RVRC Secretary
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Steven F. Martin, City of Ft. Gaines
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

Members Not Present

Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Clark Henderson, Crisp County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County

Harry Lange, Harris County
Jason Hoch, Schley County
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Lawrence Young, Stewart County
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Richard Morris, Georgetown-Quitman County, RVRC Vice-Chair
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Others Present

Laura Gower, Field Representative for
US Senator Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Andrew Ross, Field Representative for
US Senator Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Kenneth Cutts, Field Representative for
US Congressman Sanford Bishop, 2nd District of Georgia
George Lee, Field Representative for LT. Governor Casey Cagle
Senator Freddie Powell Sims, Georgia, District 12
Senator Ed Harbison, Georgia, District 15
Representative Carolyn Hugley, Georgia, District 136
Representative Mike Cheokas, Georgia, District 138
Representative Buddy Harden, Georgia, District 148
Representative Gerald Greene, Georgia, District 151
Representative Ed Rynders, Georgia, District 152

Other local elected officials and staff

Staff Present

River Valley Regional Commission Staff

Chattahoochee | Clay | Crisp | Dooly | Harris | Macon | Marion | Muscogee
Quitman | Randolph | Schley | Stewart | Sumter | Talbot | Taylor | Webster

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WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He said he was glad to be back after a long recovery from an automobile accident and thanked everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and well wishes. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mike Speight, Secretary, then led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Clinton Perry, Chair, requested council approval of the April 27, 2016 council meeting minutes which were mailed or email to each council member the previous week for their review.

Evelyn Turner-Pugh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Knox Blackmar seconded the motion. By unanimous consent the motion carried.

Legislator's Remarks

Georgia legislators and field representatives gave updates for their districts, the River Valley Regional Commission region and the State of Georgia.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Several staff members were recognized for their years of service with River Valley Regional Commission.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council Randy Howard gave the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.