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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

100 East Burkhalter Avenue
Buena Vista, Georgia
Minutes Summary
April 27, 2016

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 16 Counties)
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
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
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
George Moore, Webster County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Jason Hoch, Schley County
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
Jeanie Barteel, City of Cordele
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Mickey George, Macon County
Mike Speight, Crisp County, RVRC Secretary
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Richard Morris, Georgetown-Quitman County, RVRC Vice-Chair
Steven F. Martin, City of Ft. Gaines
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County
A.J. Rivers, Crisp County

Members Not Present

Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Clark Henderson, Crisp County

Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair
Greg Barineau, Schley County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Lawrence Young, Stewart County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Others Present

Barbara Alfano, EPA Region 4 Brown Field Coordinator
Shannon Ridley, GA DNR Brownfield Coordinator
Mr. Ed Lee, Community Involvement Specialist, Hearts for Families
Laura Gower, Senator Johnny Isakson's Representative
Edwina Turner, Stewart County Family Connections
Vickie Wainwright, City of Butler
Jimmy Davis, Marion County
Janet Joiner, City of Vienna
Ricky Hood, City of Hamilton
Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue's Representative
Orlando Ryder
Madison Potter, City of Oglethorpe
Frank Etheridge, Randolph County
Colin Martin, Congressman Westmoreland's Representative
Theresa Robinson, Regional Project Manager, GDEcD

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
Rick Morris, Planning Director, Columbus Office
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director, Americus Office
Jim Livingston, Community and Economic Development Director
Janice West, WIOA Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Allison Slocum, Historic Preservation Planner
Mariyana Kostov, GIS
Tammy Collins, Finance Officer
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Richard Morris, Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Patti Cullen, Executive Director, updated the council on Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair. She said she had texted with him earlier and he was going to a physical therapy appointment. He said he was feeling much better and hopes to be at the May council meeting (Legislative Luncheon). Mike Speight, Secretary, then led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Richard Morris, Vice 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.

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

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VIDEO CLIPS

Mr. Fred Gordon, Columbus State University, was introduced by Richard Morris, Chair. Mr. Gordon explained that this project was an oral history of citizens sharing their experiences during the civil rights movement. He then presented video clip interviews of four citizens that are participating in the project.

BROWNFIELDS

Barbara Alfano, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Brownfield Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining EPA's Brownfield program. She said it provides grants and technical assistance to communities which helps them have the resources they need to prevent, assess, safely clean up and reuse brownfields.

Shannon D. Ridley, Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) Brownfield Coordinator, also gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining Georgia's Brownfield program and how it differs from the EPA Brownfield program. She also gave examples of projects that have been completed with assistance of Georgia's Brownfield program.

BUDGET AMENDMENT*

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer, presented Budget Amendment 3 to the council. She explained that the budget amendment was discussed at the Executive/Finance Committee meeting that was held immediately before the council meeting. The Executive/Finance Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment. Tom Queen seconded the committee's recommendation. By unanimous consent the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented by Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director; Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director; Janice West, WIOA Director and Gerald Mixon, Planning Director.

ADJOURN

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