RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON
South Georgia Technical College, Americus, GA
May 22, 2025
10:30 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

Council Members (Counties Represented: 14)

Albert King, Vienna
Barry Whitley, Butler
Bobby Jenkins, Cuthbert
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, RVRC Chair
Charles Coffey, Chattahoochee County
David Kinsey, Georgetown-Quitman County
Darrell Holbrook, Webster County
Eugene Cason, Dooly County
J.R. Dowdy, Crisp County, Vice-Chair
Jack Clark, Schley County
James Davenport, Clay County
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jim Reid, Sumter County
Ken Chapman, Talbot County
Kenneth Sumpter, Fort Gaines
Kevin Brown, Buena Vista
Lee Kinnamon, Americus
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Patrick Whearley, Hamilton
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Rob Grant, Harris County
Shane Tondee, Ellaville
Tameka Harris, Taylor County, RVRC Secretary
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Timothy Biddle, Chattahoochee County
Tony Lamar, Talbotton

Members Not Attending

Dennis Thomas, Lumpkin
Doug Ethridge, Harris County
Jeff McCarter, Randolph County
Jimmy Daniels, Oglethorpe
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Joshua Deriso, Cordele
Linda Barfield, Macon County
Shane Grier, Marion County
Skip Henderson, Columbus
Timothy Biddle, Chattahoochee County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Toyia Tucker, Columbus
Xavier McCaskey, Columbus

Others Present

County and City Representatives
River Valley RC Staff
Senator Freddie Powell-Sims, District 12
Senator Ed Harbison, District 15
Representative Carolyn Hugley, GA House District 141
Representative Mike Cheokas, GA House District 151
Representative Gerald Greene, GA House District 154
Christopher Drake, Congressman Bishop's Office
Somer Stafford, Office of Congressman Bishop
Christopher Kelley, Congressman Bishop's Office
Allyson Drinnon, Congressman Bishop's Office
Alyse Wolf, Senator Ossoff's Office

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Carvel Lewis, RVRC Chairman brought the meeting to order. He welcomed council members, distinguished guests, and visitors. Tameka Harris, Secretary, led the council in prayer and Dick Dowdy, Vice-Chair, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Jim Livingston, RVRC Executive Director, recognized employees of the River Valley Regional Commission for Years of Service. Allison Slocum, Assistant Planning Director, celebrated 25 years of service.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Chairman Lewis introduced field representatives from state and federally elected officials who updated the council and sent greetings from the elected officials. Chairman Lewis then asked the state elected officials for updates from the most recently completed legislation session.

STATE UPDATES

A panel discussion was led by Chairman Lewis. Both panels provided discussion between legislators and attendees about updates in the state of Georgia and the River Valley Region.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Lewis gave the blessing. Lunch was then served.

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June 25, 2025 Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Tameka Harris, Secretary