

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

February 27, 2014

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, February 27, 2014, at the Southwest Regional Commission in Camilla, Georgia. Treasurer, Mr. Ben Hayward chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Jack Powell and Vice Chair Danny Palmer. The following council members were present: Ms. Connie Hobbs, Mr. John Spann, Mr. Eddie Hopkins, Mr. Charlie Williams, Mr. Johnny Hardin, Mr. Ferrell Ruis, Mr. Henry Crumley, Ms. Dollie Crumley, Mr. Frank Loeffler, Mr. Clinton Johnson, Ms. Billie Jo Fletcher, Mr. Raymond Breaux, Mr. Al Hutchins, Ms. June Merritt, Mr. Freddie Speight, Ms. LaFaye Copeland, Mr. Joe Walden, Mr. Jim Sellers, Ms. Glenda Battle, Mr. Dwight Hickman, Mr. Luther Clearman, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. Benjamin Brooks, Ms. Brenda Peterson, Ms. Virginia Harrison, Ms. Elaine Mays, Mr. Chris Wright, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Mr. Alfred Bryan, Mr. Donnie Bagget, Mr. Randy Hill and Ms. Karen Rackley.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Ms. Revonn Miller, Mr. Rick Muggridge, Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. W.D. Palmer, Mr. Jack Powell, Mr. David Mosely, and Mr. Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were, Ms. Bennie Watts Jones, Mr. Stephen Kaplan, Mr. Demetrius Love, Mr. Kreg Freeman, Mr. Charles Barineau, Mr. Max Beverly, and Mr. Mike Cosby.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director, Ms. Suzanne Angell, Planning Director, Ms. Barbara Reddick and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Heather White.

Guests present were Mrs. Clearman, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Peterson, Mr. T.D. David, and Mr. Roger Lane.

Treasurer Ben Hayward called the meeting to order at approximately 6:48 p.m. He asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution to apply for a grant from the USDA. Mr. Raymond Breaux moved to amend the agenda and Mr. Johnny Hardin seconded the motion and all council agreed. The Executive Director, Mr. Robert McDaniel gave the attendance report. He reported 32 members present and 4 counties (Baker, Grady, Colquitt, and Early) with 100% attendance. He went on to introduce the guests, Mrs. Clearman, Ms. Holloway, Mr. T.D. David, and Mr. Roger Lane.

Mr. Ben Hayward asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Johnny Hardin made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Mr. Ferrell Ruis seconded the motion, all agreed.

Mr. Raymond Breaux was called to give the slate of prospective officers for the 2014 Council. He opened the floor up for any additional nominations. There were no other nominations. Ms. Elaine Mays motioned that the nominations be accepted and Mr. Donnie Baggett seconded the motion. The Council

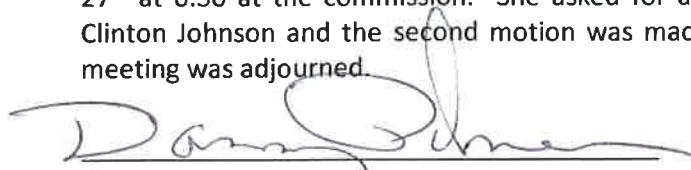
voted and all approved that the slate of officers would stand as suggested by the Nominating Committee. Mr. Ben Hayward announced that the slate of officers offered by the Nominating Committee will stand. He then called Mrs. Brenda Peterson, as the newly elected Chairman, to present her with the gavel so she could continue the meeting.

Mrs. Brenda Peterson called Mrs. Barbara Reddick up to present the planning report. Mrs. Reddick gave her report and then presented the USDA Resolution to the council. She asked the council to give the authorization to apply for the grant. Mr. Raymond Breaux made the motion and Mr. Henry Crumley seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

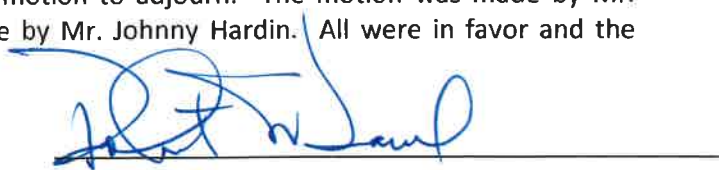
Ms. Suzanne Angell was called to give the Financial Report. She briefed the council on the financial condition of the Regional Commission and status of the transportation grant applications. She reported that the budget is still on track.

Mr. McDaniel was called up to give the Executive Director's report. He introduced the new board members present. He mentioned we still have vacant slots that have not been filled on the council. Mr. McDaniel gave a briefing on the status of Life Flight. He mentioned that funding is still short of what is needed to implement the Life Flight based in Camilla.

Ms. Peterson asked if there was any other business. She announced the next meeting would be March 27th at 6:30 at the commission. She asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Clinton Johnson and the second motion was made by Mr. Johnny Hardin. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Danny Palmer, Vice-Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary