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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue
Buena Vista, Georgia
June 27, 2018**

SUMMARY

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 16 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion Co.
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County,
RVRC Chair
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion Co.
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee Co.,
RVRC Secretary
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista

Randy Howard, Sumter County,
RVRC Vice Chair
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Tameka Harris, Taylor County
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tony Kennedy, Webster County

Members Not Present

Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Jason Hoch, Schley County
Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Mickey George, Macon County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County

Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Wally Summers, Sumter County
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee

Others Present

Debbie Ford, RESA
Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue Rep.
Elaine Gillispie, Cong. Bishop's Rep.
Amy Varnum, DOL, Region 8
Lindsey Glissen, City of Columbus
Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Dir.
Katie Howard, AAA Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Rick Morris, Planning Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Jim Livingston, Comm. & Eco. Dev. Dir.
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Janice West, WIOA Director
Tammy Collins, Finance Officer
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Clinton Perry, Jr. brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and introduced visitors. He then asked Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, to lead the council in prayer and Randy Howard, Vice Chair, then lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 23, 2018 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Chair Perry, requested a motion to approve the May 23, 2018 council minutes. Barry Waters, Ft. Gaines, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Chattahoochee-Flint Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Services

Richard McCorkle, Chattahoochee-Flint RESA Director and RVRC council member, gave a presentation explaining available educational services that RESA provides to 15 of the 16 counties in the River Valley Region and the importance of building bridges between the community and the schools.

Evaluation of the RVRC Executive Director*

Clinton Perry, RVRC Chair, presented the evaluation of Patti Cullen, RVRC Executive Director. He explained the Executive Committee had evaluated her performance and found that she had done an excellent job leading the commission and the staff. He thanked her and her staff for their hard work during the year.

Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County, made a motion to approve the evaluation of the Executive Director; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Enter Banking Service Contract*

Emily Chambers, Finance Director, requested approval of a resolution for River Valley Regional Commission to enter into a banking service contract for 5 years with State Bank and Trust Company, located in Dooly County.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve a resolution to enter into a banking service contract for 5 years with State Bank and Trust Company; Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Open Accounts at State Bank*

Emily Chambers, Finance Director, requested approval of a resolution to open necessary banking accounts at State Bank and Trust Company, located in Dooly County, for the River Valley Regional Commission.

Evelyn Turner-Pugh, made a motion to approve a resolution to open necessary bank accounts for River Valley Regional Commission with State Bank and Trust Company; Richard McCorkle, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

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Emily also requested approval of a resolution to open necessary banking accounts at State Bank and Trust Company for the Area Development Corporation.

Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, made a motion to approve a resolution to open necessary bank accounts for the Area Development Corporation with State Bank and Trust Company; Ralph Brown, Buena Vista, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approval of FY19 Budget*

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer, presented an overview of the proposed FY2019 Annual Budget. She said the Executive Committee had met and reviewed the budget before the council meeting and recommended approval.

Barry Waters, City of Fort Gaines, made a motion to approve the FY2019 budget as presented; Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of FY18 Work Program*

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner presented the evaluation of the FY2018 Annual Work Program. She highlighted accomplishments for each department. A copy of the evaluation of the FY18 Annual Work Program was emailed to each council member and was available at the council meeting.

Review/Approval of FY19 Work Program*

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner presented an overview of the RVRC Annual Work Program that has been planned for FY2019. She then requested council adopt the FY18 Report of Accomplishments and the FY2019 Work Program. She said the entire Regional Plan will be presented for adoption at the August council meeting.

Barry Waters, City of Fort Gaines, made a motion adopt the FY18 Report of Accomplishments and the FY2019 Work Program as presented; Richard McCorkle, Marion County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Set Date, Time and Location of RVRC Council Meetings for FY19*

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, suggested the council continue to hold council meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in the Marion County Commission office, in Buena Vista for FY19. She also suggested the November meeting be held on November 28th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Patti also suggested that the council continue with the tradition of not meeting in July and December.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to approve the date, time and location of FY19 Council meetings as presented; Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Clinton Perry, Chair, asked if there was any other business to bring before the council; there being none he requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made the motion to adjourn; Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was passed.