SUMMARY

Members
Attending/Representing
(Rrepresenting 16 Counties)
A. J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee Co., RVRC Secretary
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Mickey George, Macon County
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph 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
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee

Others Present
Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin
Sara Lee Crumbs, Family Connections, Georgetown-Quitman Co.
Laura Gower, Representative for Senator Isakson
Amy Varnum, Georgia Dept. of Labor
Paul Higginbothan, Talbot County
Janet Joiner, City of Vienna
Paul Farr, South GA Tech.
Anna Hurt, GA Dept. of Economic Development Rep.
Casey Beane, GA Dept. of Community Affairs

Staff Present
Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Dir.
Katie Howard, AAA Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Janice West, WIOA Director
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Terrel Hudson, Dooly County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tony Kennedy, Webster County
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee

Members Not Present
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman
Cecil “Butch” McMickle, Marion Co.
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC Chair
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee Co.
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James R. “Bump” Welch, Marion Co.
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Wally Summers, Sumter County
Welcome and Recognition of Visitors
Randy Howard, Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then asked Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, to lead the council in prayer and Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*
Council reviewed the minutes of the August 22, 2018 council meeting that was either mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Vice Chair Howard, requested a motion to approve the August 22, 2018 council minutes. Walt Rosso, Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Re-Tap: Georgia’s Renewable Energy Technical Assistance Program
Daniel Geller, PhD., from the College of Engineering at the University of Georgia, gave a presentation explaining the solar power program. He said grants and incentives are available to local governments that will help with the cost of implementing solar facilities. The University of Georgia, College of Engineering, will help local governments complete the application and guide them thru installation. They are available to come and talk to different community groups and have developed a model zoning ordinance.

Approval of the 2018-2038 Regional Plan*
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner, explained that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs had approved the 2018-2038 Regional Plan. An electronic version was uploaded to the RVRC website (www.rivervalleyrc.org). Vice Chair Howard requested a motion to approve the Regional Plan. Walt Rosso, Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, made a motion to approve the 2018-2038 Regional Plan; Tom Queen, Private Industry Appointee Taylor County, seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, announced that previous Executive Director, Ron Starnes, had passed away in Ocean Springs Mississippi in July. Also, former RVRC council DCA representative Jo Childers’ mother had passed away over the weekend.

There being no further business Randy Howard, Vice Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn; Melvin Crimes, Webster County m.