

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
*COUNCIL MEETING*

July 25, 2024

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its regular monthly meeting on July 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Reflections at Lake Toccoa, 201 Black Mountain Road, Toccoa, GA 30577. The meeting was hosted by Stephens County and the City of Toccoa.

CALL TO ORDER

GMRC Chairman Ken Schubring called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Stephens County BOC Chairwoman Tara Simmons welcomed all in attendance and provided the attendees with some history and facts about Stephens County.

City of Toccoa Mayor Gail Fry also welcomed all to Toccoa, introduced the city staff and council that were present, and thanked Reflections at Lake Toccoa for the use of the venue.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

GMRC Council Chaplain Deborah Mack gave the devotion, invocation, and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

GMRC Secretary Bruce Palmer asked for any comments or a motion regarding the minutes and attendance report for the June 27, 2024 Council meeting. Ray McAllister made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Doug Wayne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT

Quarterly Finance Report

Council members received the FY24 Quarter 4 financial report prior to the meeting. GMRC Finance Director Alicia Page explained that the report was for the unaudited period ending June 30, 2024.

Mrs. Page reported that as of the period end, the year-to-date revenues totaled \$5,136,255.43 of which:

- \$4,027,359.09 or approximately 78% are federal and state funding.
- \$620,620.20 or approximately 12% are member dues.
- \$375,581.13 or approximately 7% are charges for services.
- The remaining \$112,695.01 or 3% is from other revenues.

At the end of the period, expenditures totaled \$4,853,919.84. Total transfers and matching obligations for the period were \$383,953.52. Leaving a total surplus of \$282,335.59 for the period end.

Factors that contribute to this surplus include:

- \$44,704.05 in investment income from the Regional Commission’s two revolving loan funds. This income is invested back into the RLFs to increase the funds for future available lending.
- The remaining surplus is due to recognized savings from higher interest earnings, and conservative spending to facilitate the RC’s ongoing operational needs.

Chairman Ken Schubring asked for a motion to accept the report as presented. Bill Chafin made the motion and James Addison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM

In lieu of a program, GMRC Council member training was done as outlined in the bylaws.

Should there be any questions about GMRC services and programs please contact Executive Assistant Gina Kessler at [gkessler@gmrc.ga.gov](mailto:gkessler@gmrc.ga.gov) for assistance.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

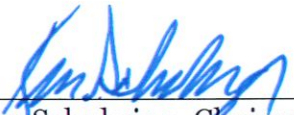
None


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The August meeting will be held in Hall County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

  
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Ken Schubring, Chairman

  
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Bruce Palmer, Secretary



GMRC COUNCIL  
ATTENDANCE SHEET  
2024-2025

COUNTY	COUNCIL MEMBER	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 25	Jan 25	Feb 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	June 25
RABUN	Kent Woerner	A											
	Stacy Fountain	A											
	Douglas Wayne	P											
STEPHENS	Tara Simmons	P											
	Ron Matheson	P											
	James Addison	P											
TOWNS	Cliff Bradshaw	A											
	Andrea Gibby	(R)											
	Denise McKay	P											
UNION	Lamar Paris	P											
	Jim Conley	P											
	Mitch Griggs	P											
WHITE	Craig Bryant	N-P											
	Nan Bowen	P											
	Lauren Williams	N-P											
GOV APPT.	Kim Waters	(P)											
	Angela Whidby	P											
	VACANT	V											
LT. GOV APPT.	David Lee	P											
SPEAKER APPT.	VACANT	V											

P = PRESENT    A = ABSENT    (R) = REPRESENTED    (P) PROXY VOTE    V = VACANCY    E = EXCUSED    N = NEW MEMBER    X = NO MEETING

\* Chairman  
\*\* Vice Chairman  
\*\*\* Secretary