

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING / ANNUAL MEETING
ATHENS HOLIDAY INN
MAY 19, 2016
NOON**

THREE DAY MINUTES

Members Present:

Blechinger, Linda
Ferrelle, Dodd
Lyon, Tommy
Palmer, Bill
Bullard, Ed
Crow, Tom
Plott, Roy
Trammel, Gene
Dyer, Dave
Dove, Anthony
Gandy, Roy
Roberts, Roy
Bentley, David
Ellis, Keith
Roseberry, Jerry
Turner, Frank
Davis, Melvin
Ivie, Charles
Harden, Amrey
Pittard, Billy
Berry, Rick
Johnson, Jesse
Little, Kevin
Chambers, Joyce
Fordyce, Cary
Roberts, Roy
Warren, Ellen

Members Absent:

Graham, Pat
Bartlett, Wayne
Denson, Nancy
Guest, Larry
Brock, Phil
Houston, Lamar
Duvall, Valerie
Workman, Stone
Blackmon, Jody
Thompson, Greg
Shaw, Jim

Associate Members Present:

Ouzts, Buddy
Seymour, Joel
Harold Horton

Guests Present:

Kevin Poe
Leta Talbird
Rhonda Hawk
Daniela Belton
Chuck Williams
Chris Atkinson
Kirby Atkinson
Chip Ferguson
Melissa Hargrove
Jon Herschel

Staff Present:

Jim Dove, Executive Director
Mott Beck, Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, Comptroller
Burke Walker, Planning & Government Services Director

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Frank Turner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He welcomed members, guests, and staff. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. **Such a motion was made by Commissioner Billy Pittard and seconded by Commissioner Keith Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit & Finance: The report was given by Mr. Amrey Harden. **A motion to accept the report as given was made by Mr. Harden and seconded by Commissioner Ed Bullard. The motion carried unanimously**

Program of Work: The report was given by Commissioner Billy Pittard. **A motion to approve the Program of Work items for inclusion in the FY2016 Program of Work was made by Commissioner Pittard and seconded by Mr. David Bentley. The motion carried unanimously.**

Planning & Government Services – The report was given by Commissioner Tommy Lyon. Members reviewed nominations of Regionally Important Resources (RIRs) to include as part of an update to the Regional Resource Plan. **A motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee and approve the 35 RIRs, to be added to the previous 27 listed in 2010, was made by Commissioner Lyon and seconded by Mayor Blechinger. The motion carried unanimously.**

There was no further action required, and the remainder of the meeting consisted of the Staff Activities report by the Executive Director, county reports, and guest speaker report. After the business part of the meeting, annual awards were given, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha J. Beck
Executive Assistant