

Minutes
North Georgia Mountains Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2013

The North Georgia Mountain Authority Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled meeting in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive S.E., Suite 1252 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia. (A board package and handouts are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as an Attachment)

Board Members Present:

Nancy Addison, Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit, Jr.

Staff:

Commissioner Mark Williams
Homer Bryson
Becky Kelley
Wally Woods
Bill Donohue
Ronnie Phillips
Brenda McMillian

Board Members Not Present:

Robert Leebern, Jr., Delos Yancey

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Addison called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and requested a motion be made to approve the April 29, 2013 Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lambert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and unanimously approved.

Chairman Addison expressed that it is an honor to serve as Chairman and asked Mr. Donohue for the board reports.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCES

Mr. Donohue discussed the April Financial Reports for the four lodges as summarized in the monthly report.

MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Donohue reviewed the Executive Director's report. Mr. Donohue discussed the lodge, park and golf transition and expressed gratitude to Becky Kelley and her staff. The majority of the current State Park employees will be retained by Coral and will continue to work at the 5 impacted sites.

Becky stated agreed with what was said regarding the short term transitions and compliments her team on the details and higher level transitions. Wally Woods agreed.

Mr. Davis is concerned that Bagby is ever going to be profitable.

Commissioner Williams responded stating it has certainly been discussed and the third party management company is doing a great job at turning around the properties they currently manage and the hope is that they can do the same with Bagby and Ocmulgee.

Mr. Donohue pointed out that from the Authority standpoint by utilizing private management we are doing the best job possible to price, market, promote and operate the lodges and see if financially the Park can make it. If this doesn't work we will look at a third option to consider long term decisions.

Mr. Donohue referred to the NGMA budget for last year and stated at the next meeting the FY2014 budget will be provided for approval.

BRASSTOWN VALLEY RESORT FY2014 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Donohue explained Coral Hospitality by contract, is responsible for the first draft of the budget and that a separate budget is completed for each property. The budgets are then reviewed with Coral and feedback is given to Coral prior to finalizing and presenting a summary budget to the Board for approval. The handout Brasstown Valley Resort Budget Highlights is an example of the detail that Coral puts into the budgets.

Mr. Bagwell inquired what staff members review the budgets and if it would benefit the Authority for the Park Staff, Becky Kelley, to look over the budgets prior to finalizing.

Chairman Addison expressed thank you to the Board Members for their questions and input. As well as expressed gratitude to Becky Kelley and her staff, Bill Donohue and Ronnie Phillips for their work on the transition.

Commissioner Williams stated that a policy is being developed for religious material available at State owned facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman properly adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Nancy Addison, Chairman

Bill Donohue, Executive Director