

Minutes
North Georgia Mountains Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
February 24, 2014

The North Georgia Mountains Authority Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled meeting in the DNR Commissioner's Conference 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, Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Robert Leebern, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit, Jr.
Delos Yancey

Staff:

Comm. Mark Williams
Homer Bryson
Becky Kelley
David Clark
Wally Woods
Chris White, GEFA
Bill Donohue
Ronnie Phillips
Carol Jackson
Brenda McMillian

Visitors:

David Freedman, Freedman Engineering
Jeffery Seay, Sute Seay
Tom Weissinger, Sute Seay
Jim Stormont, Stormont Hospitality
Rick Wiggins, Stormont Hospitality
Tom Young, Stormont Hospitality
Stuart Arp, Coral Hospitality
Charles Burton, Coral Hospitality
Heath Carter, Coral Hospitality
Mark Campis, HC Architecture
Tom Hogan, HC Architecture
Linda McWhorter

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Addison called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and requested a motion to approve the October 21, 2013 Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

REPORTS

David Freedman of Freedman Engineering, consultant for NGMA, gave a summary report of the GEFA Performance Contract Responses. He then answered any questions the Board had relative to this report.

FY 13 Audit Summary Report was given by Tom Weissinger and Jeffery Seay. The results of these audits are excellent. The books at each location are excellent and the financial reporting done by Coral Hospitality is accurate. The full report of the Audit was presented to the Board in November. Mr. Weissinger and Mr. Seay responded to questions from the Board.

Coral Hospitality presented their report on the YTD Lodge Operations and the forecast for the remainder of FY 14. Information was presented on operations, financial reporting and marketing. The following staff were present from Coral; Stuart Arp, Charles Burton and Heath Carter.

Jim Stormont of Stormont Hospitality Group reported on the Renovation Project of the six lodges. Present from Stormont in addition to Jim Stormont was, Rick Wiggins and Tom Young. Questions from the Board were answered by the Stormont Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Addison requested approval of the October 2013 minutes. A motion was made by Delos Yancey and seconded by Dwight Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET

Mr. Donohue explained the implementation of the renovation project consistent with the scope of work, conceptual design, project team and timeline with a budget of \$7.7M for Phase One Renovation of Unicoi and Amicalola Falls. A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter and seconded by Mr. Lambert, Jr. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF GEFA PROPOSALS

Mr. Donohue presented the staff recommendation of the company selected to complete the Investment Grade Audit for a fee of \$59,637. If the Board decides to move forward with the Energy Conservation Project then this fee will be wrapped into the overall fee. If not then Chevron will be paid the above amount for their work. The staff recommended Chevron Energy Solutions. A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Yancey that the Board approve Chevron Energy Solutions to complete the IGA. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NGMA OFFICERS

Chairman Addison asked Mr. Lambert, Chair of the Nominating Committee for a report of the nominees for Board openings. Mr. Lambert announced that the Committee recommended William Bagwell to be the Vice-Chair of the Board and Delos Yancey as Secretary Treasurer. Motion made by Mr. Lambert, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leebern, Jr. to accept nominations and elect them as said officers of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donohue introduced Tanisha Thomas as the Assistant Attorney General who will be representing NGMA. Ms. Thomas had nothing to report to the Board at this time

Mr. Bagwell commented on the progress of the Authority and encouraged NGMA, Coral and others to work with Becky Kelley of DNR Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Addison requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit and seconded by Mr. Lambert. Motion approved unanimously and Chairman Addison adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Nancy Addison, Chairman

Bill Donohue, Executive Director