

**Local Elected Officials Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
June 11, 2020  
2:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Local Elected Officials (LEOs) met on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 2:00pm via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Bridges, Chairman of the Local Elected Officials (LEOs) called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was established. The following members were present:

Members Present and County Represented

Thomas Bridges (Franklin County)  
Lamar Paris (Union County)  
Cliff Bradshaw (Townsend County)  
Jim Conley (City of Blairsville)  
Chris Dockery (Lumpkin County)  
Jimmy Hooper (Banks County)  
Travis Turner (White County)  
Richard Higgins (Hall County)  
Laura Semanson (Forsyth County)  
Billy Thurmond (Dawson County)

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director  
Gina Kessler, Executive Assistant  
John Phillips, WorkSource Director  
Diane Jackson, Intake Supervisor  
Sam Norton, GMRC Council Chairman

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Minutes from the April 25, 2017 and April 9, 2020 meetings were previously emailed to the members. Chairman Bridges asked for consideration of those minutes. Motion was made Travis Turner and seconded by Billy Thurmond to approve the minutes from both meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

The current bylaws state that the terms of the officers shall be for two years or until their successors are elected or appointed. The Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. After much discussion, a Nominating Committee was established to head up the selection of the new officers (CLEO and Vice-Chairman). The committee will consist of Travis Turner, Lamar Paris, and Chis Dockery.

Adoption of Updated LEO Bylaws

The updated bylaws were emailed for review prior the meeting. The bylaws were updated to comply with the state's requirements. Chairman Bridges asked for consideration of the adoption of the updated

bylaws. Jimmy Hooper mad the motion to adopt and Laura Semanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Adoption of MOU between GM Workforce Development Board and CLEO/LEO Board

The MOU between the Georgia Mountains Workforce Development Board and the LEO Board was updated to comply with the state's requirements. Chairman Bridges asked for consideration of the adoption of the MOU. Laura Semanson made the motion to adopt and Travis Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Election of Vacant Mayor Position on LEO Board

A mayor from the region will also need to be elected to serve on the LEO Board to fill the vacant position on the Board. Mayor Liz Ordiales of Hiawassee has been nominated to fill that position. Jimmy Hooper motioned to open the floor for other possible nominations, no other nominations were presented, and Laura Semanson motioned to close the floor. Thomas Bridges made a motion to vote Mayor Liz Ordiales fill the vacant position. Travis Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Travis Turner and seconded by Jimmy Hooper. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23pm.

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Thomas Bridges, CLEO