

**Local Elected Officials Meeting
Conference Call
April 9, 2020
3:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Local Elected Officials (LEOs) met on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. via conference call.

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Bridges, Chairman of the Local Elected Officials (LEOs), called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. and thanked everyone for taking time out of their day to call in. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established. The following members were present:

Members Present and County Represented

Thomas Bridges, CLEO (Franklin County)
Lamar Paris (Union County)
Stacy Hall (Habersham County)
Laura Semanson (Forsyth County)
Billy Thurmond (Dawson County)
Dennis Bell (Stephens County)

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director
Gina Kessler, Executive Assistant
John Phillips, WorkSource Director
Diane Jackson, Intake Supervisor
Jessica Williams, Youth Program Supervisor
Whitney Williams, A/DW Supervisor

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Minutes from the April 25, 2017 meeting were previously emailed to the members, but due to quorum not being met they were unable to be considered.

BRIEF EXPLANATION AND DUTIES OF LEO BOARD

Executive Director Feldman gave a brief explanation of the responsibilities and duties of the Local Elected Officials (LEOs) for the ones that are new. The Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) serves as the Chair of the LEO Board and is a critical role, as that person is designated to execute all Federal grants that come in on Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Thomas Bridges explained that he will be finishing out his second term as the Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) in December. Mr. Bridges expressed that being the CLEO has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience

Mr. Bridges would like to nominate Lamar Paris for the position. Due to there not being a quorum this item could not be voted on.

Adoption of Updated LEO Bylaws

The updated bylaws were emailed for review prior the meeting. The bylaws were updated to comply with the States requirements. Due to there not being a quorum this item could not be voted on.

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 States requirements. Due to there not being a quorum this item could not be voted on.

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 in order to fill the vacant slot on the Board. Attendees were asked to speak to their local mayors to see if any are interested in filling the vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Feldman asked for thoughts on the best way to hold meetings and when may be the best time to hold the meeting. Chairwoman Semanson gave several suggestions of media to use when holding the meeting. Ms. Feldman will take her suggestion and poll the LEOs to determine what technology is available to all before scheduling another meeting. Ms. Feldman will also reach out to those that were not on the call today to get ideas of times that would be convenient to hold another meeting. It would be ideal if the Board could reconvene in early May.

Jessica Williams discussed a Dislocated Worker Grant in the amount of \$500,000 that has been applied for to assist those that have been laid off due to COVID-19. The grant funding would be used for on-the-job training, occupational skills training, and work sites needed to put people in those trainings. She hopes to hear back on that within the next 30 days.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Thomas Bridges, CLEO