

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)  
of Northwest Georgia**

9:00 a.m. ~ Thursday, August 15, 2013  
Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA  
*Called Meeting*

**Minutes**

**Attendance - WIB**

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**CCEOs Present or Represented, County:**

Steve Taylor, Bartow  
Ted Rumley, Dade  
Donna Whitener, Fannin  
Irwin Bagwell, Floyd  
Al Hoyle, Gilmer  
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, David Hammond)  
Allen Poole, Haralson  
David Austin, Paulding  
Robert Jones, Pickens (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Jason Ward, Polk (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Bebe Heiskell, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Mike Babb, Whitfield (proxy, Lloyd Frasier)

**CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County**

Joe Barger, Catoosa  
Jason Winters, Chattooga  
Brittany Pittman, Murray County

**Staff/Guests Present**

Gwen Dellinger  
Terri Morgan

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I. Welcome ..... Ted Rumley

Chairman Ted Rumley called the meeting to order. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Membership ..... Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that, at the request of the Executive Committee of the WIB, staff sent letters to the WIB members asking if they wished to continue to serve. A response was not received from Brian Cooksey, Whitfield County and Lewis Williams, Pickens County. Ms. Dellinger stated that the following individuals had declined to continue to serve:

Tim Thompson  
Ryan Morgan  
Bryan Shealy  
Jeff Gazaway  
Dan Penland  
Lisa Clark

Ms. Dellinger also stated that the Chambers of Commerce or economic development authorities make the nominations to fill these positions and have been contacted.

III. Agreements ..... Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger informed those present that GOWD monitoring had gone well with no findings for the programmatic monitoring and two for the financial monitoring. She stated that observations had been made regarding agreements (referred to as "By-Laws" in the correspondence received from GOWD). Ms. Dellinger presented proposed changes to the "Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia" for review. She stated that changes to the agreement were made based on new legislation. The changes are as follows with references to the agreement:

- The CCEO shall now consist of thirty members, a Mayor and County Commission Chairperson;
- In order to elect a Chairman of the CCEO, three-quarters of the CCEO must be present and proxies are not allowed for this vote (although they are permissible for other votes with a simple majority of members);
- Meeting minutes must be submitted to GOWD no later than five days after the election of a CCEO (2c);
- No more than one mayor may represent a county(2b);
- and all LWIB approved budgets are to be approved by the CCEO and submitted no later than two weeks after the CCEO approves it. (3a)

There was discussion regarding the problems involved in requiring that 23 members be present in order to vote for a Chairman. Lloyd Frasier asked if a conference call would be permissible. Ms. Dellinger stated that our attorney had said no to that option in the past. Al Hoyle asked if a meeting could be held following the Regional Commission meeting since it was likely that many Mayors would be at that meeting. Ms. Dellinger stated that the problem with that is that many of the items presented to the Regional Commission needed approval by the CCEO. After discussion, the CCEOs asked that Ms. Dellinger contact Andy Garner for his opinion on two items: (1) when does the Chairmanship start; and (2) the ability of a designee, not proxy, to vote on Chairmanship.

David Hammond made the motion that the "Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia" be accepted. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger then presented the "Agreement Between the Council of Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia, The Workforce Investment Board of Northwest Georgia, and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission" for review. She stated that the only changes were as follows:

- Changing the references of "Coosa Valley/North Georgia Council of Chief Elected Officials" to "Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia."
- Including a representative of the Georgia Department of Economic Development to the WIB and language regarding each of the technical colleges being represented.

Al Hoyle made the motion that "Agreement Between the Council of Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia, The Workforce Investment Board of Northwest Georgia, and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission" be accepted. David Hammond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Additional Members ..... Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that, as discussed previously, the new law requires that the CCEO consist of a Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in each county. There was discussion on how the Mayor for each county would be determined. Steve Taylor asked if the Mayor should be from the city with the largest population or the county seat. Ms. Dellinger stated that the legislation did not address that specifically and that the CCEO members may want to select a Mayor for their county. Ms. Dellinger also offered to assist the CCEOs in obtaining feedback from the cities regarding their preference on the individual who should serve. After additional discussion, it was decided that staff should contact Andy Garner for his opinion on whether the Mayor for each county should be from the county seat, be the city with the highest population or if the CCEOs could pick the Mayor.

V. ....

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.