

AGENDA
WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held January 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

- **Invocation**
Given by Chairman Shannon Whitfield
- **Pledge**
United States Flag and Georgia Flag
- **Chairman Whitfield Call to Order Regular Meeting**
Clerk establish a Quorum is present
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Minutes**
Approval of the minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on December 29, 2020 and the Special Called Meeting held on January 4, 2021.
- **New Business**

Resolution R-004-21, A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Walker County To Appoint Members To The Limestone Valley Resource Conservation & Development Council

Resolution R-005-21, A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Walker County To Appoint A County Attorney And Standby Counsel

Discussion on the establishment of a part-time board clerk

Review Walker County Departmental Statistics – December 2020
- **Executive Session**
- **Public Comment**
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Adjourn**



Walker County Governmental Authority
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-1437
Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
December 29, 2020

I. Call to order

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 6:00 PM on December 29, 2020.

II. Attendees:

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Planning, Zoning, Codes & Stormwater Director David Brown, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Minutes:

Commissioner Whitfield approved minutes for December 10, 2020

IV. New Business

1. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-036-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County To Adopt a Policy For Law Enforcement Officers Upon Retirement or Disability to Retain their Service Weapons.
2. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-037-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County For Retired Walker County Sheriff's Office Captain Gerald A. (Burt) Cagle to Retain His Service Weapon.
3. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-038-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County for Walker County Coroner Dewayne Wilson to Retain His Service Weapon.
4. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-039-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint A Member of the Walker County Planning Commission. Commissioner Whitfield appointed Todd Holt to the Walker County Planning Commission.
5. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-040-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint a Member of the Walker County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Whitfield appointed Melba Powell.
6. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-041-20, Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint Members to the Walker County Animal Control Board. Commissioner Whitfield

appointed Finley Johnson and Shannon Beasley to the Walker County Animal Control Board.

7. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-042-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County To Appoint Members of the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority. Commissioner Whitfield appointed Annette North, William Cooke, Scott Abston to the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority.
8. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-043-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint a Member of the LaFayette-Walker County Library Board. Commissioner Whitfield agreed with the recommendation of Lecia Eubanks and appointed Jeff Potts.
9. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-044-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Dissolve the Vision 2030 Advance Team.
10. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-045-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Authorize the Fort Payne Water Works Board the Authority to Provide Water Service in a Designated Area of Walker County.
11. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-046-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Set the Compensation for the Walker County Coroner. Commissioner Whitfield explained this compensation is the same as the previous Coroner and is in the budget.
12. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-047-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Decrease the Supplement Pay to Senior State Court Judge C. Donald Peppers.
13. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000380 to Geoconex Corp for E-911 equipment. (2020 SPLOST)
14. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000427 to SBFI North America for E-911 equipment (2020 SPLOST)
15. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000430 to North Georgia Sales Center for a 2013 Chevy Express Van for the Coroner's office.
16. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000466 to Motorola Solutions Inc for 115 portable radios for first responders. (2020 SPLOST)
17. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000467 to Motorola Solutions Inc for Astro 5 Site Repeater System for E-911 communications. (2020 SPLOST)
18. Commissioner Whitfield approved Purchase Order 2021-00000468 to Sound Communications Inc for E-911 Center recording equipment upgrade.
19. Commissioner Whitfield approved the Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice – Erlanger Health System v. Walker County Georgia.
20. Commissioner Whitfield approved the Local Marketing Organization Agreement with the Walker County Chamber of Commerce.

- 21. Commissioner Whitfield discussed and approved the Agreement with the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit for Indigent Defense Services.
- 22. Commissioner Whitfield discussed and approved the Storage Agreement with CHI Memorial for Morgue Services.
- 23. Commissioner Whitfield approved the Rental Agreement with the Georgia State Properties Commission for the Drivers Services Center in Rock Spring.
- 24. Commissioner Whitfield read and adopted Resolution R-048-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County To Adopt an Official County Seal.
- 25. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-049-20, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Transfer the Governing Authority of Walker County to the Board of Commissioners of Walker County.

VIII. Public Comment

{Video Recording of Regular Scheduled meeting and comments are on file in Commissioner’s Office – 20-12-29}

- 1. Mr. Jim Burns a citizen of Walker County was concerned with Healthy Foundations coming to Walker County
- 2. Mr. Burnfin was concerned with the brush from the tornado last spring and Deputy Brewers attitude toward him.
- 3. Sharon Rowan was concerned with the calls and the process of animal calls at the Animal Shelter.
- 4. Janice Williams was concerned with the Animal Shelter and how things are handled.
- 5. Randy Pittman asked that the board review the locations for future meetings.

IX. Adjournment: The Regular Scheduled meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

X. Commissioner Comments

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled meeting comments are on file in Commissioner’s Office – 20-12-29}

Minutes approved by:

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden



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101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
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706-638-1437
Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
January 4, 2021

I. Call to order

Chairman Whitfield called to order the Special Called Commissioner's Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 6:00 PM on January 4, 2021.

II. Attendees:

The following persons were present: Chairman Shannon Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Economic Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Planning and Zoning Director David Brown, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden, Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. New Business:

- I.** Chairman Whitfield read RESOLUTION R-001-21, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County to Elect a Vice Chairperson from Its Members. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to nominate for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to nominate Commissioner Askew, Commissioner Stultz seconded the motion. The vote was four ayes, 0 nays to adopt Resolution R-001-21. The board voted Commissioner Mark Askew as Vice Chairman.
- II.** Chairman Whitfield read RESOLUTION R-002-21, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County to Establish A Regular Meeting Calendar for 2021. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion for the meeting location to remain the same, Walker County Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, GA 30728, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and to change the time to 7:00PM. Commissioner Hart second the motion. The vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt Resolution R-002-21, the regular meetings to be held at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Walker County Annex III.

Public Comment

Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone had any comments or questions and there were none. He asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments or questions. Commissioner Blakemore had none; Commissioner Askew stated that he was proud to be a part of this team. Commissioner Hart stated that he was excited to be here to help Chairman Whitfield; Commissioner Stultz stated that he was excited to be here.

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled meeting and comments
are on file in Commissioner’s Office – 21-01-04}

Commissioner Comments

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on file in Commissioner’s Office – 21-01-04}

Adjournment: The Special Called meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM

Minutes approved by:

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden



RESOLUTION R-004-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE LIMESTONE VALLEY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties delegated to the Chairman of the Board is to appoint members to all committees of the board with the approval of the board; and

WHEREAS, the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council requires member counties to appoint an official representative and a citizens' representative at the beginning of an odd numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brian Hart and David Matteson are qualified and willing to serve on the board of the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the appointments of Commissioner Brian Hart to serve as Walker County's official representative and David Matteson to serve as the citizens' representative from Walker County for terms ending on December 31, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the appointments of Commissioner Brian Hart and David Matteson to the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council are approved.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner _____, second by Commissioner _____, and upon the question the vote is _____ ayes, _____ nays to adopt the Resolution.



LIMESTONE VALLEY

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

71 Case Ave
Trenton, Ga 30752

December 21, 2020

Walker County Board of Commissioners
Walker County Courthouse
P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728

The Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. 2021 program year budget dues Notice

The annual appropriations of \$1,500 per county has been approved by the board. These dues are used to carry out RC&D operations, such as paying a portion of the support staff (payroll and taxes), general accounting services, limited travel expenses for Council members attending official functions, promotional items including printing costs, fund raising efforts, postage/mailing and overall general administration costs of the Limestone Valley RC&D Council programs.

An invoice for the above appropriated amount will be mailed to you in Early 2021.

Additionally, as this is an odd numbered calendar year, it is time for each member county to either reappoint or appoint their representatives to the Limestone board. Your current representatives are listed in the bottom corner of this notice. Please send official appointments to either stevebontekoe@gmail.com or Limestone Valley RC&D c/o Dade County Commission 71 Case Ave Trenton Georgia 30752 Each county should be represented by one government representative and one citizen. We appreciate your support

Sincerely,

Stephen Bontekoe
Executive Director

Your county representatives:

Jason Osgatharp
David Matteson

BYLAWS
OF THE
LIMESTONE VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
INC.

PREAMBLE

The Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Incorporated, shall be a regionally sponsored nonprofit organization through which citizen volunteers provide local leadership to promote the proper conservation and development of the area's natural and human resources. The Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. shall be comprised of all of the Georgia counties of Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker and Whitfield.

VISION

To provide an environment that improves the quality of life for all citizens.

MISSION

To provide conservation, protection, development, and utilization of our natural and human resources.

To enhance the economic and social well-being of people and provide enrichment and a better quality of living in the community.

ARTICLE I

Name and Address

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (LVRC&D) (Council).

Section 2. The principal office of this corporation shall be at 125 Red Bud Road N.E. Suite 7, Calhoun, Georgia 30701.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Powers

Section 1. Purpose

It shall be the purpose and function of the Council to identify, assess, promote, develop, and use the natural resources of the Area to derive the greatest social and economic benefits. The purpose and function of the Council also includes the utilization of resources at the least economic and social cost to the citizens and to the environment. The purpose and functions of the Council shall be in accordance with the authority granted by Section 102, Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, Public Law 87-703 and other authorities involved in the program.

The purpose and functions shall encompass the following specific items:

- A. To develop, amend, supplement, and implement an Area Plan of action for the conservation, development, and proper use of the area's resources resulting in an improved economic and physical environment.
- B. To cooperate and assist in carrying out local and area development plans of other organizations and agencies.
- C. To identify and disseminate environmental education information and programs in order to promote proper development and conservation of natural resources.
- D. To promote sustainable economic growth and improved living conditions that support goals and objectives of citizens, communities, and units of government.
- E. To evaluate and prioritize project proposals submitted by member organizations and others for adaptation and implementation.
- F. To secure the necessary technical, financial, educational, and other services required to develop and implement approved projects.
- G. To promote, develop, and conduct the above and all allied activities in a manner consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

Section 2. Powers

- A. The powers of the Corporation are restricted to its purposes as stated in Section 1 of this article. Permitted activities are incorporated by reference from the Articles of Incorporation, Section VIII.
- B. The organization has no legal authority. Legal authority needed to carry out projects is vested with various local, state, or Federal agencies or organizations in which the projects are located.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership of the Corporation shall be composed of an official representative from each of the following organizations:

Catoosa County Commission
Chattooga County Commission
Cherokee County Commission
Dade County Commission
Fannin County Commission
Gilmer County Commission
Gordon County Commission
Murray County Commission
Pickens County Commission
Walker County Commission
Whitfield County Commission
Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District
Catoosa County Soil and Water Conservation District
Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District
Limestone Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

Section 2. Through consultation with the Council, one additional member, serving as a citizens' representative, shall be appointed by the county commissions of Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker, and Whitfield Counties. The Council seeks skilled individuals for the citizens' representative position that will help diversify the Council, facilitate the mission of the organization, and provide financial and technical advice.

Section 3. A maximum of ten (10) Members-at-Large positions may be elected by the Council during the biannual election of officers. The Members-at-Large do not represent a sponsor but are residents of the LVRC&D Area willing to volunteer their time. Diversification and professional expertise shall be considerations in selecting Members-at-Large. The Members-at-Large shall have full voice and vote.

Section 4. One (1) staff member from the North Georgia and Coosa Valley Regional Development Centers may serve as non-voting members to the Council.

Section 5. Cities, communities, and related natural resources organizations located in the RC&D Area, may become Limestone Valley RC&D sponsors by application to the LVRC&D Council and subsequent approval by the Council. Sponsors shall participate as voting members in LVRC&D Council meetings and activities, and shall contribute to the operating budget of the Council.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Official Bodies

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President**. These officers shall be elected from the RC&D Council membership by a majority of the Council membership present and voting or by ballot. Should the President be elected to another office, the President shall assume the positions of Immediate Past President and the office to which he/she is elected. The RC&D Coordinator shall be the Executive Director.

Section 2. The official bodies shall consist of an RC&D Council, an Executive Committee, and any special or standing committees that may be authorized by the President or the LVRC&D Council.

Section 3. The LVRC&D Council, Inc., Executive Committee shall be composed of the five (5) officers of the Council, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President, and two (2) members selected at-large from Council membership. The two at-large members shall be appointed by the five officers of the Council.

Section 4. Resource Committees may be appointed as needed by the President. These committees shall be large enough to represent the need of the RC&D Area Council, but small enough to be workable. Officers of the Resource Committees shall be a Chairperson and Secretary. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE V

Duties

Section 1. Duties of officers are:

- A. President:** Preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees. Appoint resource committees.
- B. Vice-President:** Act for the President in his/her absence and other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- C. Secretary:** Keep records of the Corporation (copies of correspondence, projects adopted, minutes of meetings of Council, Executive Committee and resource committees). Arrange for and review minutes of all meetings, arrange for duplication and distribution of minutes, arrange for notification of regular and special meetings, and notify Council member organizations when they are not represented at three consecutive regular meetings.
- D. Treasurer:** Receive and deposit all funds, disburse funds as authorized by the budget, disburse other funds when authorized by either the Council or the Executive Committee, arrange for bank account(s) and certificate(s) of deposit, and perform other duties naturally incumbent upon the position.

E. Immediate Past President: Serve as a member on the Executive Committee and assist the President in representing the Council.

Section 2. Duties of official bodies are:

A. LVRC&D Council, Inc. shall:

- 1.** Provide a permanent organization to develop and implement the LVRC&D Area Plan and subsequent supplements thereto.
- 2.** Represent the counties, municipalities, and the people living in the RC&D Area, and involve them in the RC&D planning process.
- 3.** Be empowered to conduct and direct the activities of the Corporation.
- 4.** Shall develop, approve, revise, and maintain an Area Plan for the Limestone Valley.
- 5.** Evaluate and assign priorities to RC&D projects/activities.
- 6.** Make special requests on behalf of sponsors for agencies and organizations to assist in developing and carrying out the RC&D plan.
- 7.** Coordinate the assistance of all agencies in developing and carrying out the RC&D plan.
- 8.** Designate one or more members to represent the Corporation at meetings, hearings, etc., as considered desirable.
- 9.** Shall annually, at the fall meeting, approve the annual budget, plan of work or its revision.
- 10.** Shall annually, before the fall meeting, determine the amount of dues for the new fiscal year.
- 11.** Employ and discharge staff to assist in accomplishing Council goals and objectives.
- 12.** Conduct necessary administrative duties needed to manage the LVRC&D Council organization.

B. Executive Committee shall:

- 1. Act for Council between periods of their regularly scheduled meetings and make recommendations to the Council.
- 2. Keep inflow of RC&D projects for inclusion in the open-ended RC&D Area Council plan.
- 3. Serve as the Project Review Committee.
- 4. Seek funding for RC&D projects from various foundations and corporations that have a common interest with those of the LVRC&D Council, Inc., and prepare proposals for requests of such funds, subject to approval of the Council.
- 5. Act on behalf of the Council when time precludes full action of the Council. The Executive Committee must report any such action to the Council at the Council's next regular meeting.

C. Resource Committees shall:

- 1. Provide guidance on specific projects or activities as the need arises.
- 2. Review and evaluate basic data and other inventory materials assembled by sponsors and all others assisting in the preparation and updating of the Area Plan.
- 3. Present and/or receive and review new projects for inclusion in the Plan.
- 4. Make recommendations to the LVRC&D Council, Inc., concerning Plan development and execution, and setting of priorities for RC&D Projects.
- 5. Take necessary action on RC&D committee projects, evaluate and recommend priorities to the Council.
- 6. Work closely with technical advisory committees in gathering data, interpretation and analysis.
- 7. LVRC&D Resource Committees shall make recommendations for action either to the Council during a regular meeting or to the Executive Committee when time precludes full action of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

Terms of Office

Section 1. Member Organizations

- A.** Each member organization will notify the Secretary of the Council as to the name(s) of the representatives selected to serve. Representatives shall be appointed for a period of two years beginning on January 1st of odd numbered years.
- B.** In the event that any member organization is not represented at three (3) consecutive regular Council meetings, the Secretary will notify the member organization.
- C.** The Members-at-Large shall be elected by the Council to serve a two-year term and may be re-elected. A vacancy in the Member-at Large position may be filled by election at any Council meeting and shall be selected to serve the remainder of the term to coincide with the election of officers.
- D.** The Members-at-Large shall not be considered as a member organization but shall be counted towards a quorum.

Section 2. Election of Officers

- A.** President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a period of two (2) years or until their replacements have been elected.
- B.** The election shall be held at the first Council meeting of each even numbered calendar year. If a ballot is utilized for election, the results will be announced at the 1st Council meeting of each even numbered calendar year.

ARTICLE VII

Resignations

Section 1. Member Organizations

In the event of a resignation, the respective member organization will notify the Secretary of the Council as to the name of the new representative selected to serve the remainder of the term.

Section 2. Officers

In the event of a resignation of an officer, either to the respective office or the Council as a whole, and the term of office exceeds six (6) months, the Council shall conduct a special election during the next regular meeting. Should the term of office be less than six (6) months to expiration, the President shall appoint a Council member to fill out the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Section 1. The Council shall meet three (3) times a year or as often as determined by the Council members. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of one-third of its membership.

Section 2. A Quorum shall be the representatives of not less than one-third of the member organizations.

Section 3. Minutes of all Council meetings shall be provided for each member of the Corporation. Minutes of Committee meetings shall be provided on request.

Section 4. The RC&D Executive Committee shall meet three (3) times a year or as often as determined by the Committee. Special meetings may be called by the President or by one-third of the Committee's membership. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The Resource Committees shall meet as often as determined by the committee. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or by one-third of the committee's membership.

Section 6. The yearly dates for the LVRC&D Council meeting shall be the second Thursday of March, July, and November. Dates may be changed if necessary by the Executive Committee. The location shall be on a rotational basis by member counties. Time and location of committee meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Voting

Decisions of the Council or its committees shall be made by a simple majority of those members present during an official meeting.

ARTICLE X

Operating Funds

Section 1.The Treasurer and two (2) members of the LVRC&D Council appointed by the President will prepare an operating budget each year to take effect beginning October 1. Said budget will address the amount of moneys needed each year to carryout the functions of the Corporation such as staff, office supplies, postage, equipment, audits, etc. The budget shall be approved at the November Council meeting.

Section 2.Each of the sponsoring organizations will be expected to contribute to the operating budget to the extent needed. The Treasurer shall send notification of dues to each sponsor or sponsoring organization within one (1) month of October 1st.

Section 3.Gifts and grants may be accepted upon approval by the LVRC&D Council, Inc.

ARTICLE XI

Program Conduct

Section 1: All programs and activities of the Limestone Valley RC&D Council shall be conducted in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100- 259) and other nondiscrimination statues, namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and in accordance with regulations of the secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR-15, Subparts A&B) which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial (or technical) assistance from the Department of Agriculture or and agency thereof.

Section 2: No substantial part of the activities of the Council shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XI

Disbursement

No part of the net proceeds of the Council shall insure to the benefits of, or be distributed to members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the

organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article II hereof.

Article XIII

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of all members of the LVRCD Council, Inc., at a regular or special meeting when the notice of such meeting shall contain the proposed amendment. Notices containing information about amending the bylaws shall be mailed to all members of the Corporation ten (10) calendar days before the meeting.

DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

AREA: The eleven-county area of Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker and Whitfield counties that comprise the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

AREA PLAN OR PLAN: The written open-ended comprehensive plan serving as the Limestone Valley RC&D Council, Inc., direction guide.

LIMESTONE VALLEY RC&D COUNCIL, INC., LVRC&D COUNCIL, OR COUNCIL: The body that serves as the corporation's governing authority.

MEMBER: Contained in Article III, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Document.

SPONSOR: A city, community, or organization who desires to support the Council and is approved by the Council as a dues paying, voting member.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The body set forth in this Document to provide guidance to and assist the RC&D Council with the business of the corporation.

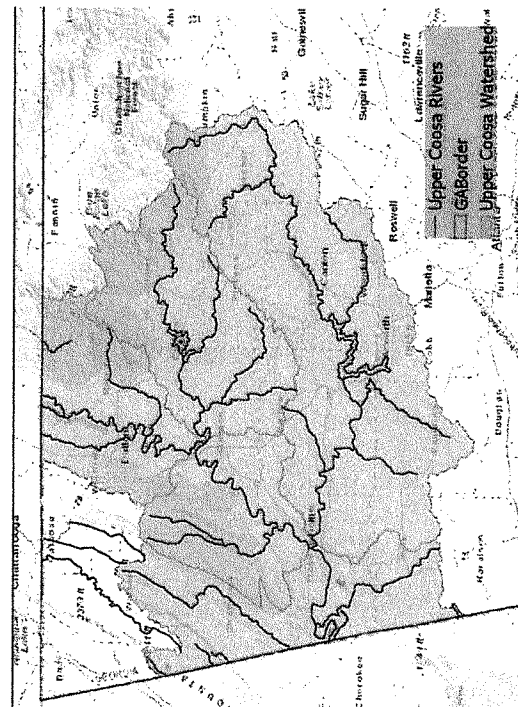
PROJECT: Any undertaking, survey, study, or activity that the Council supports, provides assistance towards, or sponsors.

*Adopted April 16, 1974
Revised May 21, 1994
Revised February 6, 1997
Revised February 11, 1999
Revised March 12, 2009*

Limestone Valley RC&D Newsletter

Winter 2020

A New Newsletter



Historically, Limestone Valley has had a newsletter. A tradition that has been lost in recent years. In an effort to keep you informed, we are bringing back the newsletter. A Winter and Summer Newsletter will help to keep you informed between the Spring and Fall Meetings. We hope that the highlights explored in these newsletters interest you and keep you engaged with our work. Please do reach out if you have additional questions, interest in a project, or would like to see a project expanded to include your County.

319 Updates

Limestone will be applying for additional 319 projects to improve the waters of north Georgia. We will be applying or partnering to apply for Lookout Creek in Dade County, Coahulla Creek in Whitfield County, South Chickamauga Creek in Whitfield and Catoosa Counties as well as for the Upper Oostanaula River in Gordon County.

Ongoing work on 319 has been taking place on Holly Creek in Murray County as well as in phase one of Lookout Creek and South Chickamauga Creeks.

We have recently updated several watershed management plans in order to support our application process. We are willing to partner with local counties in our membership to write and update management plans. Plans are required in order to apply for state clean water funds.

Project spotlight:

The lookout Creek/ Town creek stream bank project was installed this fall and after heavy Winter rains the project is standing up well. A recent online posting of our project, shown during flooding, received over 10,000 views.

New Projects

Upper Coosa Sampling

Limestone Valley RC& D is partnering with Dalton Utilities and Dalton State College in order to launch a new water quality sampling program. Students will work with Limestone to gather samples from the Conasauga River pilot study area. Those samples will be processed in both partners labs. Twelve months of results will be analyzed with a goal of using that data to make better conservation decisions in the future. Limestone will be looking at this pilot area with hopes to expand into other watersheds as funding and partnerships allow.



Executive Committee Elected

Executive committee remains

The Fall meeting brought new board committee elections. A nominating committee named one name for each position and the nominees accepted. The Executive Committee remains unchanged from the prior service term.

President- Ricky Smith

Vice president- Robert Jones

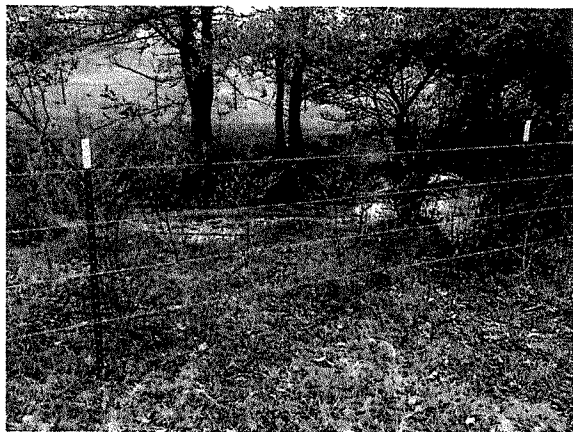
Secretary- Diane Minnick

Treasurer- Doug Higdon

Board Development

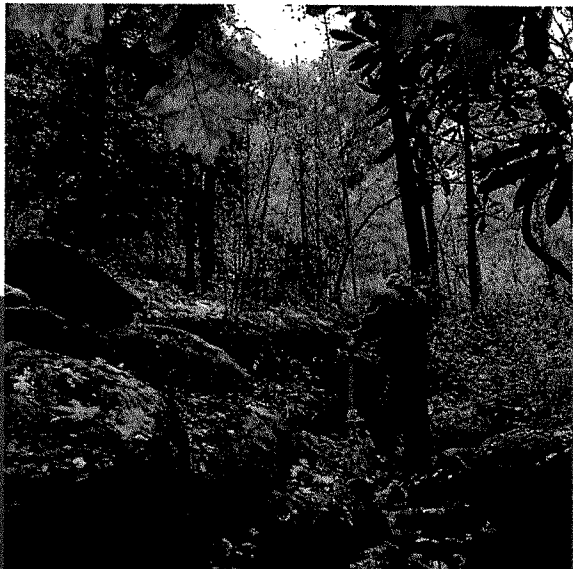
A new focus is being given toward adding active board members at large from each county. If you know of eligible and interested members please contact Stephen Bontekoe to discuss the appointment process. Stephen can be reached at

LVRcandD@gmail.com or (423)421-2543



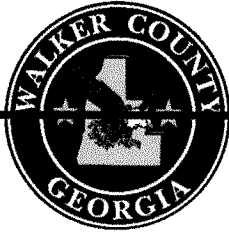
Top Left: Numerous stream fencing projects have been implemented this year with our 319 projects as well as in partnership with Fish and Wildlife Service

Above: A dry creek infiltration system was installed adjacent to a parking area at a local park in Ringgold



Left: Limestone Valley RC&D partnered with The Nature Conservancy and Dalton State College to inspect 200 culverts in the Holly creek watershed. Culverts were then scored for fish passage and prioritized for improvement.

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January 14, 2021

Commissioner Brian Hart
2569 E Armuchee Road
LaFayette, GA 30728

RE: Limestone Valley RC&D

Dear Commissioner Hart,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint you to the Limestone Valley RC&D.

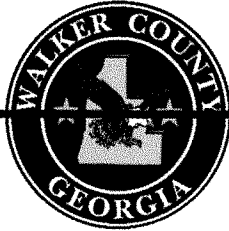
Your new term begins on January 1, 2021 and expires on December 31, 2022. Thank you for your continued support to the citizens of Walker County and your willingness to serve them in this important capacity.

If I can provide any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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January 14, 2021

Mr. David Matteson
10333 North Hwy 27
Rock Spring, GA 30739

RE: Limestone Valley RC&D

Dear Mr. Matteson,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint you to the Limestone Valley RC&D.

Your new term begins on January 1, 2021 and expires on December 31, 2022. Thank you for your continued support to the citizens of Walker County and your willingness to serve them in this important capacity.

If I can provide any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION R-005-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
APPOINT A COUNTY ATTORNEY AND STANDBY COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 (17) of the enabling legislation creating the Board provides that the Board is authorized to appoint retained legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to exercise that power, and in doing so appoint a County Attorney and also appoint standby counsel; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby retain David D. Gottlieb as the Walker County Attorney, upon the same terms and conditions for which Mr. Gottlieb served Walker County for calendar year 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does further retain JARRARD & DAVIS, LLP, 222 Webb Street, Cumming, Georgia 30040, as standby counsel, to assist the Board in circumstances where the Board, or any Board member, believes that supplemental legal representation or guidance is warranted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JARRARD & DAVIS, LLP's hourly rate for legal assistance and standby representation to Walker County shall be \$200/hour for attorneys and \$100/hour for paralegals, and Walker County shall otherwise observe JARRARD & DAVIS, LLP's standard billing practices.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner _____, second by Commissioner _____, and upon the question the vote is _____ ayes, _____ nays to adopt the Resolution.

Walker County Departmental Statistics - December 2020



Department	Monthly Totals					YTD Totals				Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter	November		December			2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake	103	51	87	47		1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25	1,628	979	1,301	1,004
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)	116	58	79	38		1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47	1,134	444	817	195
Adopted	0	9	0	3		33	65	208	152	138	34	217	147	304	94
Rescued	100	49	64	34		919	397	766	119	749	13	686	295	513	101
Returned to Owner	14	0	14	0		119	6	112	3	125	0	231	2	n/a	n/a
Euthanized	2	0	1	1		20	6	31	7	56	2	336	396	436	630

Codes Enforcement	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
In Compliance	768	1,554		6,672	9,309	5,124	4,745	no data
Violations	18	37		343	435	857	1,469	221
Closed Cases	7	5		161	58	339	480	no data

Fire Department	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Calls for Service	323	277		3,478	6,091	5,670	4,441	3,492
Units Handling Calls for Service	553	544		5,705	8,815	6,359	4,742	no data
Smoke Alarms Installed	41	31		322	781	228	21	no data

Litter	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Roadside Trash Pounds	8,940	17,920		143,800	143,330	122,912	123,020	no data

Mountain Cove Farms	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Nights Booked	90	41		840	1,102	908	525	162

Planning	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Single Family New Home Construction	7	12		150	128	124	135	123

Public Relations	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Media Impressions (stories)	61	41		460	451	509	603	no data
Facebook Followers Added	158	80		2,768	1,880	2,182	4,615	no data
Facebook Posts	68	56		888	602	487	594	no data
WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views	58,491	52,386		668,051	357,989	316,285	399,087	173,745
Newsletter Subscribers Added	73	56		1,104	971	925	1,184	no data

Public Works	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Patching/Potholes	513	141		5,785	6,148	4,798	no data	no data

Walker Transit	November	December		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Trips	1,114	1,190		17,436	26,535	21,551	24,938	no data

*some operations impacted by COVID-19