



April Monthly Meeting Minutes

Mellow Mushroom, Rome, GA

April 19th, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Andy Boldin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at the Mellow Mushroom in Rome, GA. The following persons were in attendance: **Chair** Andy Boldin, **Vice Chair** Mitchell Johnson, **Secretary** Sergio Ortega, Edgar Mills, Melissa Mills, Benjamin Mosley, Todd Paul, Jeff Thompson, Don Webb.

A quorum was established.

Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

Without objection, the agenda was adopted.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the March meeting, and they were adopted without objection.

Americans for Prosperity Discussion

Jeff Thompson is the Grassroots Engagement director for Americans for Prosperity Georgia (AfP Georgia). He spoke about the Red Tape Rollback bill which would require certain regulations to be voted on by the Georgia Assembly instead of adopted by regulatory agencies. He then spoke about the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in 2017 that is set to expire soon.

AfP Georgia has an office in Cartersville which does phone banking and outreach. Many events have been done, like handing out flyers in Rome and Cartersville.

Floyd County Commission Election

The Secretary reported that David Thornton was elected Floyd County Commissioner by 2,892 votes and Chip Hood had 1,713 votes. A total of 4,603 people voted in the run-off.

The Secretary moved to send a letter to David Thornton to congratulate him on his election but urge him on three key issues to the affiliate. Without objection, the motion was adopted and discussion on the three issues opened.

The Secretary moved that the affiliate urge him to stop all purchases of FlockSafety and RedSpeed cameras in Floyd County, and to consider removing present cameras. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

The Vice Chair moved that the affiliate urge him to repeal all regulations on Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Floyd County that were recently adopted. The motion was withdrawn for lack of support.

The Chair moved that the affiliate urge him to address deficiencies in Open Records Act compliance in Floyd County in light of recent issues with the affiliate's requests to the Floyd County Government. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

The Secretary moved that the affiliate urge him to ensure fiscal responsibility in regards to SPLOST funds. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Ballot Access Petitioning

The Secretary spoke about LP Georgia's ballot access status in 2026. To regain our ballot access, we have to achieve roughly 80,000 signatures with an additional 20,000 as a buffer for discarded signatures.

The affiliate has three options for a petition drive: (1) walking a city square; (2) door-to-door knocking; or (3) tabling a local event or fundraiser.

Without objection, the affiliate decided to walk the Cartersville City Square on April 17th, 2025 from 4 PM to 7 PM.

The Secretary then spoke about the rules of ballot petitioning. For this petition, only residents of one county can be a signer on a given petition sheet. For example, a resident of Floyd County cannot sign a sheet with Bartow County residents. Additionally, no signer can also be a notary on any of the petition sheets.

Any concerns or questions on petitioning can be directed to the Secretary.

Summer Fundraising in Ridge Ferry Park

The Secretary, as part of his duties as District 5 Representative of the LP Georgia Executive Committee, will be organizing a fundraising event in Ridge Ferry Park over the summer. More information will be given at the June meeting.

Chair's Report

The Chair gave an update on the Membership Director's efforts to coordinate with Habitat with Humanity for a night with the Rome Emperors. June 1st has been scheduled for that day.

LP Georgia is hosting a Spring Range Day at Osprey Shooting Solutions with Edgar Mills on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 10 AM. The Chair urged members to attend.

The Chair asked the Vice Chair to begin scheduling the Second Annual Euharlee Paddle and River Cleanup. The Vice Chair will begin that coordination.

Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting, which was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

As adopted,

Sergio Ortega
Affiliate Secretary