

Benton County Tourism and Recreation Corporation

July 18, 2019 -Warsaw Community Building Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Susan Kyle
Tim Blankinship
Ken Beyer
Suzie Brodersen

Rick Renno
Christine Letcher
Marge Lumpe
Dorcas Brethower

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes from May 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and motion was made for acceptance by Lumpe and seconded by Brethower for approval as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Administrative matters were discussed such as non-paying lodge update on Lake Hills Motel and collection efforts to-date. The contract between BCTR and the County regarding the Guest Tax was reviewed and discussed and no motion was necessary.

The proposed Guest Tax Ordinance BE-1-03-10 revisions were presented to the Board and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the Ordinance as presented with changes discussed to the County for approval by Blankenship and seconded by Letcher. The motion was unanimously approved.

Additionally the revised ByLaws were presented to the Board for approval and motion was made to accept the new ByLaws revisions by Brethower and seconded by Letcher. The motion was unanimously approved.

The vacant seat position was discussed and a suggestion and discussion was made at the last meeting to replace Jason Reynolds with Don Eckers of Long Shoal Marina. Mr. Eckers is unable to be on the board at this time so other replacements were discussed.

The Financials were reviewed for the period May 17, 2019 through July 18, 2019 and a motion was made to accept the financials as presented by Renno and seconded by Letcher. The motion was unanimously approved.

The 2019 Budget revisions were also reviewed. No motion was required.

There were updates given by Stokes regarding past and upcoming events and efforts including the website status, Wings over Whiteman in June, the BBQ competition and Cigar Box Festival in August, mom and daughter video in July, new BCTR video status, State Fair booths in August, MO Tourism website, PR Summit at Lake of the Ozarks in July, Cole Camp girlfriend getaway video proposal, Pubs & Poker in the Fall, Economic Development meetings.

Under Other Business, there was discussion of the future of tourism and the budget cuts as well as the effect of the flooding on the local businesses.

Osage Lakes Greenway Updates were given by Stokes on the status of the Butterfield connection marketing efforts and meetings with Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission in Lincoln and Clinton.

The next Commission meeting will be held on **September 19, 2019 at 4pm** at the Warsaw Community Building (Council Chambers).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p,m, with a motion by Lumpe and seconded by Letcher.

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director