Benton County Tourism and Recreation Corporation

March 17, 2021 – Warsaw Community Building Harbor Room MEETING MINUTES

Suzie Brodersen Jessi Kendall Christine Letcher Susan Kyle

Luke Johnson Cathy Beyer

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m.

Minutes from January 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved and motion was made by Kendall and seconded by Kyle to approve minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Administrative matters were discussed such as non-paying lodging tax. Stokes gave an update on Reel & Trigger's payment made for 2020 and discussion with Hidden Lake Motel about their non-payment but willingness to get corrected. Motion was made by Kendall and seconded by Kyle to <u>not</u> waive penalties or interest for Reel & Trigger. The motion was unanimously approved. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Johnson to <u>not</u> waive penalties or interest for Hidden Lake Motel.

Stokes gave updates on the Profit and Loss Statements for the period of January 22-31, 2020, February 1-31, 2021 and the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2021, and motion was made for acceptance of the financials by Beyer and seconded by Kendall. The motion was unanimously approved.

Stokes discussed the current projects such as the Ambassador Program, Barn Quilt Square Tour, Warsaw Walking Tour, the Warsaw MPAN grant project and 2021 tourism-related events. The events are Pubs and Poker (3/20), Art Walk (4/24), Meet the Tourism Board (6/16), Ozark Cigar Box Guitar Music Festival (8/7-8/8), KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Festival (8/20-8/21), Best of Warsaw BBQ Festival (8/20) and the Warsaw Bicentennial (9/18).

Osage Lakes Greenway updates were given regarding the status of the Butterfield stagecoach signage, which is being completed by Birdman and is ready to be put up in the near future.

There was no other business.

The next Commission meeting will be held on May 17, 2021 at 4pm at the Warsaw Community Building (Council Chambers).

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm with a motion by Beyer and seconded by Johnson.

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director