## **Benton County Tourism and Recreation Corporation**

September 19, 2019 - Warsaw Community Building Council Chambers MEETING MINUTES

Brooke Daleske Tim Blankinship Ken Beyer Suzie Brodersen Jessi Kendall Rick Renno Christine Letcher Marge Lumpe Dorcas Brethower Luke Johnson

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes from July 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed and motion was made for acceptance by Letcher and seconded by Blankinship 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, including the status of the judgment against the lodge. There was discussion about the pros and cons of utilizing the Prosecuting Attorney versus a private practice attorney. Renno made a motion that he would speak to the Prosecuting Attorney and/or Asst Prosecuting Attorney about when the case would be submitted to the court and depending on that answer, we would send out correspondence via email to the Board Members on getting a judgment against this lodge.

Additional discussion included board members vacancies in October for Brown and Beyer and possible candidates, the final Amended Guest Tax Ordinance, final Amended ByLaws, and BCTR grant update. Additionally, Luke Johnson with Missouri State Parks was nominated to join the vacant board seat of Jason Reynolds and motion was made to fill the vacant seat by Lumpe and seconded by Brethower. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Financials were reviewed for the period July 19, 2019 through September 19, 2019 and a motion was made to accept the financials as presented by Kendall 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 new website, summary of income and expenses from the BBQ competition and Cigar Box Festival in August, mom and daughter video, State Fair booths in August summary of income and expenses, Economic Development meetings and status, Trulaske School of Business projects, Agri-Tourism projects, Governor's Conference on Tourism in October, Missouri Travel Guide Ad, 2020 proposed budget and event ideas.

Osage Lakes Greenway Updates were given by Stokes on the status of the Butterfield connection marketing efforts and the upcoming Butterfield 60 race being organized by the three chamber and tourism committee scheduled for October 26, 2019.

The next Commission meeting will be held on **November 21, 2019 at 4pm** at the Warsaw Community Building (Council Chambers).

Meeting was adjourned at \$\frac{1}{2}:25 \, p,m, with a motion by Lumpe and seconded by Letcher.

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director