

Benton County Tourism and Recreation Corporation

January 20, 2026– Warsaw Community Building Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Suzie Brodersen
JoAnn Lane
Holly Eierman
Lisa Gladston
Sabrina Brown

Cheri Nations
Jessi Kendall
Christine Letcher
Brooke Daleske

Lynette Stokes, Executive Director

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

Minutes from November 18, 2025 board meeting were previously approved via email to the Board of Directors and was passed unanimously.

Administrative matters were discussed such as update on non-paying lodges & short-term rental properties. Discussion was made by Stokes and Brodersen that the board has a vacant position that needs to be filled with recommendations being accepted. Further discussion regarding board terms, a draft for review of Board Responsibilities was presented for review, BCTR ByLaws were presented for review and a draft of the 2026 Budget was presented for review. No motions were needed at this time. The board was directed to review the documents presented and for discussion at the next tourism board meeting.

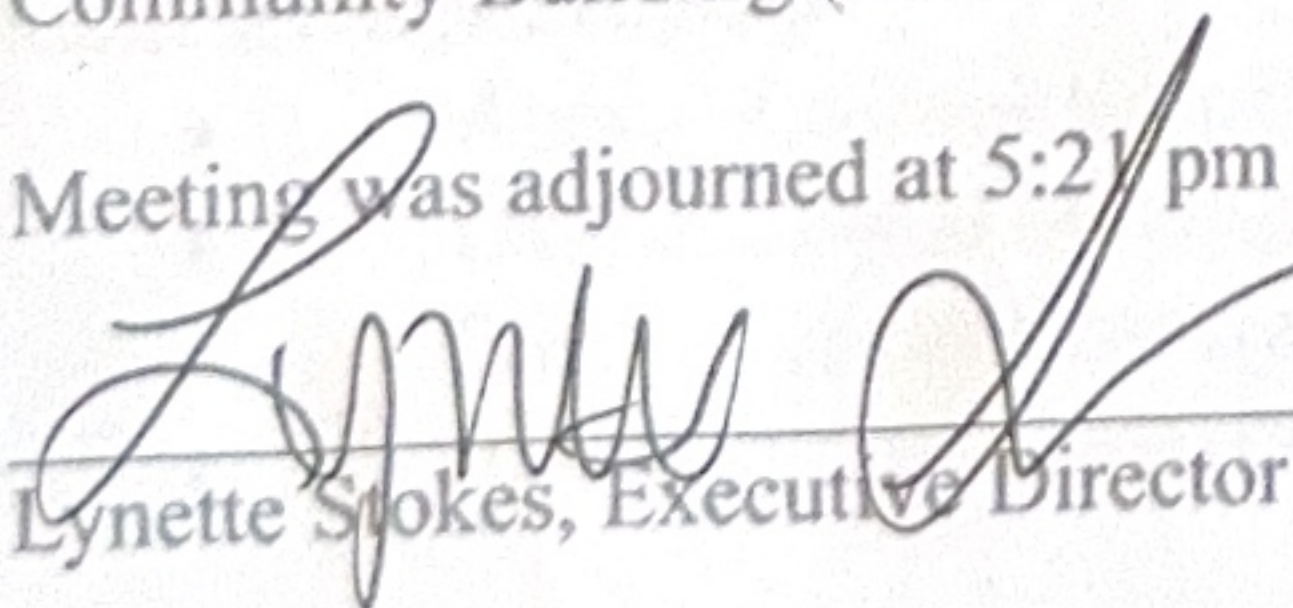
Stokes gave updates on the Profit and Loss Statements for the period of November and December 2025 and the Balance Sheet as of December, 2025. Motion was made for acceptance of the financials by Kendall and seconded by Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates were provided by Stokes regarding the 2026 events, Benton County Focus Group Meetings, Benton County Barn Quilt Trail, Whiteman Day 2026 and the Business Marketing Workshops. There was discussion about the Benton County Boutique Crawl and Stokes gave an update on a meeting with the Benton County Boutique Crawl committee the same day, indicating that they would like for BCTR to take back over the finances and work for the Boutique Crawl and/or provide funding of \$2,000 towards the cost of the event. There was board discussion and all of the board was opposed to BCTR providing funding and/or taking back over the finances and work on this event. After board discussion, the board agreed that the Boutique Crawl does not fit the scope of tourism's mission and would not be able to fund this event.

There was no other business.

The next Commission meeting will be held on **March 17, 2026 at 4pm** at the Warsaw Community Building (Council Chambers).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm with a motion by Lane and seconded by Brown.


Lynette Stokes, Executive Director