

TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOURISM DEVELOPEMNT AUTHORITY

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2022

Present: Chair Connie Grubermann, Members Josh Drake, Matt Holland, Donnie Bishop, Amie Owens, and Cheryl Pullium via phone

Absent: Tim Crabtree

Others present: Nicole Bradley, HR Director
Mia Overton, The Franklin Press
Dan Finnerty, The Macon County News
Corey McCall, Outdoor 76

1. Call to Order- Chair Connie Grubermann

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the August 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Member Matt Holland made a motion, seconded by Member Cheryl Pullium to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

3. Financial Reports- July 2022

Town Manger Amie Owens presented the Financial Report for July 2022. She noted that July was the 2nd highest month on record, (\$19,505.33). Total expenses thus far \$6,249 leaving the balance of \$13,256.33 and \$153,113.10 remains in TDA Fund Balance. The report is incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit A.

Member Donnie Bishop made a motion, seconded by Member Josh Drake to approve the financial report for July 2022 with corrections. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

4. New Business

A. Consideration of new applications:

1. Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care has requested \$2000 for their Conquer the Mountain Half Marathon and 5K, event to be held November 5th. A vote will take place at next months meeting.

2. Corey McCall, representing Outdoor 76, presented information on their application for funding for The Naturalist 25/50K. They have requested \$1600 for the event taking place on October 1st.

Member Josh Drake made a motion, seconded by Member Donnie Bishop to ratify the funding request from Outdoor 76 for The Naturalist 25/50K. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

B. Horse Tales Farm Inc has requested \$2500 for their Horse Tales Farm Festival and Craft Show, that will be held on October 14-15.

Member Cheryl Pullium made a motion, seconded by Josh Drake to approve \$2000 for print ads and advertising. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

C. Budget Appropriations

Member Donnie Bishop made a motion, seconded by Member Matt Holland to approve the budget amendment as presented, to include the Fund Balance transfer approved by Town Council. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

D. TDA Rules of Procedure Revision- Town Manager, Amie Owens, is an ex officio Member of TDA Board. Per the current TDA bylaws the Town Manager, an ex officio Member, has no voting privileges.

Member Cheryl Pullium made a motion, seconded by Member Josh Drake to change the bylaws to allow the Town Manager, an ex officio Member, to have voting privileges. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

6. **Items from the Board**

There were no additional items for discussion.

7. **Announcements**

A. The next regular scheduled TDA meeting will be held on Monday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

8. **Adjourn**

Member Josh Drake made a motion, seconded by Member Donnie Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Connie Grubermann, Chairperson

Amie Owens, Town Manger/acting Town Clerk

Prepared by Nicole Bradley, Human Resources Director