

FINALMINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
August 29, 2013  
Oconee Heritage Center  
12:00 PM

**Members present were:** Rosemary Bailes, David LaVere, Rick Lacey, Becky Wise, and Mike Wallace  
Ken Sloan (Ex-Officio) and Phil Shirley (Ex-Officio)  
Also present: Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary  
Guest present: Vanessa Penton, Bill Chiusano, Tom Rusk, Jillian Lusk, Dan Pollock, Hunter Kome, Mikayla Kreuzberger, Norman Cannada, Ray Chandler, & Dick Mangrum

**Call to Order**

Rosemary Bailes called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of August 22, 2013 by Rick Lacey, seconded by Dave LaVere Vote was **unanimously** carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of August 29, 2013, for Local ATAX is \$70,614.00 and State ATAX is \$833.00.

**Review of Grants**

1. Walhalla Civic Auditorium – advertising - \$22,808.77
2. Westminster Chamber of Commerce – Mayberry Days – advertising \$13,405.00
3. Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina – brochures - \$2,000.00
4. Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina – brochures - \$1,000.00
5. Oconee Preservation Unlimited Stewardship Trust – advertising - \$8,000.00
6. Walhalla Chamber of Commerce – Oktoberfest – advertising - \$7,460.00
7. City of Seneca – advertising - \$5,000.00
8. Oconee Heritage Center – website improvements - \$1,500.00
9. Walhalla Chamber of Commerce – Full Moon Artist – advertising - \$2,000.00
10. 9-11 Memorial – completion of project - \$5,000.00
11. Oconee Chamber of Commerce – update website - \$2,800.00
12. Our Daily Rest – advertising - \$5,000.00

Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Dave LaVere** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **cap grants at \$5,000.00 with option to exceed \$5,000.00 as needed.** Vote was **unanimously** carried.

**New Business**

- **Grant Requests Approval**
  - Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Mike Wallace and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Civic Auditorium for \$5,000.00 for advertising Vote was **unanimously** carried.

- Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Becky Wise** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Westminster Chamber of Commerce – Mayberry Comes to Westminster** for **\$4,000.00** for **advertising** Vote was **unanimously** carried. **Mike Wallace abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by **Mike Wallace**, seconded by **Dave LaVere** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **City of Seneca – Half Marathon** for **\$3,500.00** for **advertising** Vote was **unanimously** carried. **Rick Lacey abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by **Becky Wise**, seconded by **Dave LaVere** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Walhalla Chamber of Commerce - Oktoberfest** for **\$3,770.00** for **advertising.** Vote was carried. **Rick Lacey voted No. Mike Wallace abstained from voting.**
- Motion by **Rick Lacey** to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee Chamber of Commerce** for **\$1,000.00** for **website upgrade** was **rejected for lack of second.**
- Upon a motion by **Mike Wallace**, seconded by **Becky Wise** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee Preservation Unlimited Stewardship Trust – Chattooga River Festival** for **\$1,600.00** for **advertising** Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Mike Wallace** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **not fund the request** of the **Oconee Heritage Center** for **\$1,500.00** for **website upgrade**. Vote was carried. **Rosemary Bailes voted No.**
- Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Dave LaVere** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **not fund the request** of the **Walhalla Chamber of Commerce – Full Moon Artist** for **\$2,000.00** for **advertising** Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Becky Wise** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **not fund the request** of the **9-11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc.** for **\$5,000.00** for **Phase I** Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Dave LaVere**, seconded by **Rick Lacey** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **not fund the request** of the **Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina** for **\$1,000.00** for **re-print of brochure** Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Dave LaVere**, seconded by **Mike Wallace** and carried, the Committee approved motion to **not fund the request** of the **Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina** for **\$2,000.00** for **brochures** Vote was **unanimously** carried.

- Upon a motion by Dave LaVere, seconded by Mike Wallace and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Bertha Lee Strickland Museum for \$2,130.00 for advertising Vote was unanimously carried. Rick Lacey abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Mike Wallace and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend moving Our Daily Rest's grant request to the Spring cycle. Vote was unanimously carried.

### New Business

1. Next scheduled meeting November 14, 2013 at 12:00 at the Oconee Heritage Center
2. Deadline for Spring cycle grants due February 15, 2014 by 2:00 pm

### Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Phil Shirley  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism