

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
March 1, 2018
Oconee Heritage Center
12:00 pm

Members present were: Mike Wallace, Becky Wise, Rick Lacey, Kevin Evans, Andrew Conkey, Shane Smith & Darlene Greene

Guests present were: B.J. Callahan & Norm Cannada

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Ken Sloan, CVB Director,
& Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Call to Order

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of February 22, 2018 by Rick Lacey,
seconded by Kevin Evans. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of March 1, 2018, for
Local ATAX is \$284,349.00 and State ATAX is \$69,042.00.

Election of Officers

Since no other nomination was presented Mike Wallace, agreed to continue as
Chairperson of the PRT Commission. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Since no other nomination was presented Rick Lacey, agreed to continue as
Vice-Chairperson of the PRT Commission. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Since no other nomination was presented Becky Wise, agreed to continue as
Secretary of the PRT Commission. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Presentation of Grants

1. Gateway Arts Council – promotional campaign, camps, & car charging station - \$7,000.00
2. Devil's Fork State Park – site rehabilitation - \$4,005.74
3. Oconee Preservation Unlimited Stewardship Trust (OPUS) – advertising Tamasee Craft Brew Festival - \$1,200.00
4. The Foothills Farmstead – porch/foundation rebuild - \$10,000.00
5. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
6. Oconee State Park – picnic tables, grills & fire rings - \$10,000.00
7. Oconee Forever – Rally in the Valley – advertising - \$1,500.00
8. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – location signage & advertising - \$2,242.00
9. Westminster Music Centre – advertising & HVAC replacement - \$12,500.00
10. Lake & Mountain Quilters Guild – advertising - \$2,000.00
11. South Carolina Apple Festival – advertising - \$4,000.00
12. City of Seneca – advertising 12th Annual Seneca Fest - \$9,550.00

New Business

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Gateway Arts Council for \$1,500.00 for promotional campaign, camps & car charging station. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Darlene Greene and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Devil's Fork State Park for \$1,500.00 for site rehabilitation. Vote was unanimously carried. Kevin Evans abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to OPUS Trust – Tambrew Festival for \$500.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. Mike Wallace abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to The Foothills Farmstead for \$2,000.00 for porch/foundation rebuild. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$4,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Darlene Greene, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee State Park for \$4,000.00 for picnic tables, grills & fire rings. Vote was unanimously carried. Kevin Evans abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee Forever – Rally in the Valley for \$1,500.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail for \$500.00 for location signage & advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Andrew Conkey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Westminster Music Centre for \$4,000.00 for advertising & HVAC replacement. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Lake & Mountain Quilters Guild for \$500.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to South Carolina Apple Festival for \$4,000.00 for advertising.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to City of Seneca for \$6,000.00 for advertising Seneca Fest.
Vote was unanimously carried. Rick Lacey abstained from voting.

PRT Action Item

- Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$2,000.00 for Palmetto Trail accessories.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$5,000.00 for Oconee Airport Fly-In.
Vote was unanimously carried.

New Business

Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved a motion to adopt a policy that if Interim and Final grant reports are not up to date, grant applications will not be eligible for funding in the current grant cycle.
Vote was unanimously carried.

Next scheduled meeting of the PRT Commission is May 3, 2018, at 12:00 pm at South Cove County Park.

Meeting dates are:

May 3, 2018
August 23, 2018
August 30, 2018
November 15, 2018

Grants for the Fall cycle will be due August 15, 2018, by 3:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism