

FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
March 7, 2019  
Oconee Heritage Center  
12:00 pm

**Members present were:** Mike Wallace, Riley Johnson, Andrew Conkey, Shane Smith & Alex Butterbaugh

**Guests present were:** Emily Hitchcock, Bill Callahan, & Riley Morningstar

**Also present were:** Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Ken Sloan, Visit Oconee 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 28, 2019 by Shane Smith, seconded by Riley Johnson. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

**Election of Officers**

Since no other nomination was presented Shane Smith, agreed to be **Chairperson of the PRT Commission.** Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Since no other nomination was presented Kevin Evans, agreed to be **Vice-Chairperson of the PRT Commission.** Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Since no nomination was presented for **Secretary of the PRT Commission,** it will be brought back-up at the May 2, 2019 meeting.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. Oconee Forever – Rally in the Valley – internet advertising - \$2,000.00
2. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
3. Issaqueena’s Last Ride – internet advertising - \$2,500.00
4. South Carolina Apple Festival (58<sup>th</sup> year) – advertising - \$4,000.00
5. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising the 2019 season - \$10,000.00
6. Rock the Ranch – advertising - \$10,000.00
7. City of Seneca – advertising 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Seneca Fest - \$8,200.00
8. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – installation of informational signage - \$675.00
9. Westminster Music Centre – advertising - \$10,000.00

**Vote on Grants**

- Upon a motion by Riley Johnson seconded by Shane Smith 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 Shane Smith, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$6,000.00 for advertising.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Riley Johnson, seconded by Andrew Conkey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Issaqueena's Last Ride for \$1,000.00 for internet advertising.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh 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 Riley Johnson, seconded by Andrew Conkey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$5,000.00 for advertising the 2019 season.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Rock the Ranch for \$1,000.00 for advertising.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Andrew Conkey 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. Riley Johnson abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Andrew Conkey, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail for \$500.00 for installation of informational signage.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Westminster Music Centre for \$5,000.00 for advertising.  
Vote was unanimously carried.

Next scheduled meeting of the PRT Commission is May 2, 2019, at 12:00 pm at South Cove County Park.

**Meeting dates are:**

May 2, 2019 – South Cove – 12:00

August 22, 2019 – Oconee History Museum – 12:00

August 29, 2019 – Oconee History Museum – 12:00

November 21, 2019 – South Cove – 12:00

Grants for the Fall cycle will be due August 15, 2019, by 3:00 pm.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Phil Shirley  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism