

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
August 22, 2019  
Oconee History Museum 12:00 pm

**Members present were:** Shane Smith, Kevin Evans, Andrew Conkey, Greg Coutu, Trey Barnett, Alex Butterbaugh, & Riley Johnson

**Guest present were:** Mary-Kate Tilley

**Also present were:** Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Ken Sloan, Visit Oconee Director & Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

**Call to Order**

**Shane Smith** called the meeting to order at **12:05 pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of **May 2, 2019** by **Kevin Evans**  
seconded by **Andrew Conkey** Vote was **unanimously** carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Phil Shirley** presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **August 22, 2019**, for Local ATAX is **\$89,770.16** and State ATAX is **\$80,969.14**.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. Devil's Fork State Park – tent impact pad improvement - \$7,921.26
2. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
3. Walhalla Performing Arts Center –advertising 2019-2020 season - \$20,000.00
4. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – informational signage & 2018/2019 promotion & marketing plan - \$5,788.00
5. Historic Old Pickens Foundation – interpretative markers - \$500.00
6. Oconee History Museum – outdoor exhibit signage - \$700.00
7. Walhalla Oktoberfest – advertising the 41<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest - \$7,000.00
8. City of Seneca – advertising 9<sup>th</sup> annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$10,000.00
9. South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – advertising - \$3,000.00
10. The Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center – advertising the Heritage Fair - \$1,500.00
11. Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina – outdoor adventure package for breast cancer survivors - \$30,000.00

**Grant Requests Review**

- Upon review of grant it was determined **Devil's Fork State Park**, is eligible for **\$7,921.00** for **tent impact pad improvement**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association**, is eligible for **\$10,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Walhalla Performing Arts Center**, is eligible for **\$20,000.00** for **advertising the 2019-2020 season**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail**, is eligible for **\$3,387.00** for **production & distribution of rack cards**

- Upon review of grant it was determined Historic Old Pickens Foundation , is eligible for \$500.00 for interpretative markers
- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee History Museum , is eligible for \$300.00 for outdoor exhibit signage .
- Upon review of grant it was determined Walhalla Oktoberfest , is eligible for \$7,000.00 for advertising the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Oktoberfest.
- Upon review of grant it was determined City of Seneca , is eligible for \$10,000.00 for advertising the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Half Marathon & 5K .
- Upon review of grant it was determined South Carolina Bigfoot Festival, is eligible for \$3,000.00 for promotion/advertising .
- Upon review of grant it was determined The Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center, is eligible for \$1,500.00 for promotion/advertising the Heritage Fair.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina, is eligible for \$6,360.00 for outdoor adventure package for breast cancer survivors .

#### Action Items

1. Oconee PRT - Ag & Art Tour – November 2-3, 2019 - \$5,000.00
2. Oconee PRT – waterfall brochure re-order - \$4,000.00
3. Oconee PRT – South Cove bathhouse HVAC - \$10,000.00
4. Oconee PRT – South Cove pickleball court - \$23,000.00

#### Action Items

- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans , seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism for \$5,000.00 for Ag & Art Tour . Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Andrew Conkey , seconded by Greg Coutu and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism for \$4,000.00 for waterfall brochure re-order . Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Riley Johnson , seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism for \$10,000.00 for South Cove bathhouse HVAC . Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu , seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism for \$23,000.00 for South Cove pickleball court . Vote was unanimously carried.

**PRT Update**

Mr. Shirley gave an update on the following items:

1. Park statistics FY 2019
2. Tourism statistics FY 2019
3. Capital projects update

**New Business**

Next PRT commission meeting will be August 29, 2019, at the Oconee History Museum at 12:00 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