

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
February 20, 2025
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members present were: Riley Johnson, Alex Butterbaugh, Tony Adams, Noah Baker, & Kevin Cope

Guests present were: Tim Todd, Randy Roberts, Jeff Brown, Cindy Blair, Nancy Warmath, Shannon Baker, Judi Riccio, Janine Hartley, & Mark Thompson

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

Call to Order

Phil Shirley called the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **November 14, 2024**, by **Alex Butterbaugh**, seconded by **Riley Johnson**. Tony Adams and Noah Baker abstained from voting. Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **February 20, 2025**, Local ATAX is **\$1,108,181.00** and State ATAX is **\$459,967.00**.

Presentation of Grants

1. City of Seneca – advertising “Independence Day Celebration” - \$9,600.00
2. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
3. Eagle’s Nest Art Center – advertising - \$8,670.00
4. Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild – advertising - \$1,550.00
5. Oconee Military Museum – advertising - \$2,030.00
6. South Carolina Apple Festival – advertising - \$5,000.00
7. South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – advertising - \$5,000.00
8. The FARM Center – facilities improvements - \$10,000.00
9. The Foothills Farmstead – septic tank install - \$3,500.00
10. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – advertising - \$775.00
11. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising the 2025 Spring/Summer season - \$12,000.00
12. Westminster Music Centre – advertising - \$10,000.00
13. Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center – construction project/Interstate advertising - \$9,919.00

Grant Requests Review

- Upon review of grant it was determined **City of Seneca** is eligible for **\$9,600.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association**, is eligible for **\$15,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Eagles Nest Arts Center**, is eligible for **\$8,670.00** for **advertising**.

- Upon review of grant it was determined Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild, is eligible for \$1,550.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee Military Museum, is eligible for \$2,030.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined South Carolina Apple Festival, is eligible for \$5,000.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined South Carolina Bigfoot Festival, is eligible for \$5,000.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined The FARM Center, is eligible for \$10,000.00 for facilities improvement.
- Upon review of grant it was determined The Foothills Farmstead, is eligible for \$3,270.00 for septic tank install.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail, is eligible for \$775.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Walhalla Performing Arts Center, is eligible for \$12,000.00 for advertising 2025 Spring/Summer season.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Westminster Music Center, is eligible for \$9,720.00 for advertising "Music on Main".
- Upon review of grant it was determined Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center, is eligible for \$9,134.00 for construction project/Interstate advertising.

PRT Action Items:

- Oconee PRT - \$5,000.00 – 2025 Disc Golf Sponsorships

PRT Action Item

- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Kevin Cope and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$5,000.00 for 2025 Disc Golf Sponsorships.
Vote was unanimously carried.

Next PRT commission meeting will be February 27, 2025, in County Council Chambers beginning at 12:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Kevin Cope, so moved to adjourn at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism