

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**  
**7:30AM Chamber Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 am by President Stephanie Isaacs

**Attending Board Members:**

Isabel Baker, Don Betz, Amy Cochran, David Dick, L.D. Jones, Patti Morton, Jean Ryals, Ann Wilkins, and David Williams. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

**Special Guests Recognition**

Jake Markum – Verb 13 Design

**Board Nominations**

Don Betz motioned to confirm Ed Fite and David Dick to the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for term beginning this date and ending June 30, 2011, seconded by Ann Wilkins. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

**Board Officers 2009-2010**

A 2009-2010 proposed officer list was distributed to the board.

Amy Cochran motioned to accept the proposed 2009-2010 officer list, seconded by L. D. Jones. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

President: Stephanie Isaacs  
President Elect: Don Betz  
Past President: Steve Jones  
Treasurer: Patti Morton  
V.P. Membership Development: Isabel Baker  
V.P. Community Development: David Williams  
V.P. Economic Development: Jean Ryals  
V.P. Organizational Development: Anita Thompson  
V.P. Tourism Development: Ann Wilkins

**Approval of Agenda**

David Williams motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jean Ryals. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

**Review and Approval of Financial Reports**

David Moore reviewed the monthly financial reports for June 2009 and the fiscal year to date. All bills are paid. Open invoices totaled \$0.

Jean Ryals motioned to approve monthly financial reports, seconded by David Williams. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

**Membership Development Report**

David Moore made the membership report. David reported 3 new members and 42 renewals. There were 8 drops presented to the board.

Patti Morton motioned to accept the “adds” and “drops” as presented, seconded by Amy Cochran. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

**Community Development Report**

David discussed with the board the possible action to request street closure of Muskogee Ave. for the Christmas Parade.

### **Economic Development Report**

Jean Ryals reported the city sales tax collection for May was \$557K, which is down \$40K from last year. Jean reported the sales tax for the county in May was \$558K, down \$33K from last year.

### **Organizational Development Report**

David Moore distributed copies of the Young Professionals Club of Tahlequah Articles of Association to the board. Stephen Highers, YPC Chair, summarized the bylaws and answered questions from the board.

David Dick motioned to accept the Young Professionals Club of Tahlequah Articles of Association, seconded by Don Betz. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

Isabel Baker motioned to accept Stephen Highers to the Tahlequah Area Chamber Board of Directors as Young Professionals Club appointee for a term beginning this date and ending June 30, 2011, seconded by Patti Morton. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

### **Tourism Development Report**

Ann Wilkins reported Kin Thompson is the new chair of the Tourism Council, and Jim Terrell is the new vice chair. Ann announced the resignation of William Lowe and the addition of Mickel Yantz to the Tourism Council.

David Moore distributed a letter from Chief Chad Smith nominating Donna Tinnin to the Tourism Council.

Patti Morton motioned to accept Donna Tinnin to the Tourism Council Board, seconded by Isabel Baker. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

Kate Kelly reported Tahlequah is competing with Stillwater for the location of the 2011 Annual Meeting of Dexter Cattle Association. Kate reported on securing a special room rate for the attendees to match Stillwater's rate and the county fairground rate is below the rate given by Stillwater. Kate announced the Tourism Council is seeking approval for up to a \$1500 expenditure of tourism council funds to help defray the costs associated with the Dexter Cattle meeting.

Ann Wilkins motioned to approve up to \$1500 for expenditure of tourism council funds for the Dexter Cattle Association Annual Meeting, seconded by Amy Cochran. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

### **Tourism Report**

Kate Kelly presented the board the Tourism Council June 2009 financial reports and reviewed the expenses.

David Williams motioned to approve the tourism financial reports for June 2009, seconded by L.D. Jones. Roll call vote – motion carried without opposition.

### **Executive Director Report**

David Moore distributed a current contact sheet of board members and requested updates to information. David also distributed a draft of the Living and Leaving a Legacy project. David updated the board on Leadership Tahlequah and discussed Tahlequah possibly hosting a regional wrestling tournament in February 2010. David reminded the board of the upcoming membership luncheon featuring Sen. Tom Coburn on August 13. David introduced Jake Markum to the board to discuss the new website design for the chamber.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

*The minutes submitted above have been approved by the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as true and accurate.*

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*Date*

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*Stephanie Isaacs, President*