

Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2016

The regular March meeting of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday March 22, 2016, with notice given by email to the Tahlequah City Clerk, and the agenda for said meeting posted at the Chamber offices before 5:00pm on March 18, 2016. President Glen Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:30am. In attendance were the following board directors:

Isabel Baker, JoAnn Bradley, Dower Combs, Mike Crawley, Chad Eagleton, Erin Feller, Matt Meredith, Todd Mutzig, Angie Taylor, Coleen Thornton (arrived at 7:40), Donna Tinnin, Jodeen Worth, Jasen Wright, Stanley Young, Glen Elliott, Jerry Cook (arrived at 7:37), Stephanie Isaacs, Stephen Highers, and Jim Berry. Absent were Anna Knight, Angela Tinsley, and Steve Turner. Also present were CVB Director Melissa Harris, LaShay Simms, Shannon Grimes, Dusty Rhodes, and Hunter Lane.

Isabel Baker motioned to approve the special meeting minutes from the March 8, 2016 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Crawley. The motion passed unanimously.

JoAnn Bradley motioned to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Stanley Young. The motion passed unanimously.

Jodeen Worth advised the board that the regular meeting minutes from January 26th, 2016 were previously passed at the February meeting so no action was taken on this.

Angie Taylor, Treasurer, presented the financial reports. Isabel Baker motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Chad Eagleton. The motion passed unanimously.

Glen Elliott presented the President's report. He reported that the State of the Community event was a big success. Thank you to Angela Tinsley for organizing this event and to all that attended. My Tahlequah event is set for April 2nd. Work will be done at the Chamber building. Volunteers are needed either at the Chamber or on other projects. Thursday March 24th is the date for the final Visioning and Planning session. Glen encouraged all to attend this event.

Glen Elliott presented the Executive Director's report in Laura Doss's absence. LaShay Simms attended the Creative Communities conference. Tahlequah is one of 8 communities selected to participate in the Oklahoma Creative Communities two year program. The mission of OCC is to establish Oklahoma as a renowned center of creativity and innovation through concentrated topics. OCC focus is Education, Commerce, and Culture. Strategic planning for the Chamber is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, 2016 immediately following the board meeting. Reminder also that the next Legislative Focus is April 1st.

Membership applications and renewals for March 2015 were presented. Stanley Young motioned to approve the membership applications and renewals. Isabel Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Anna Knight, Governance Committee Chair was absent. Jodeen Worth reported in her absence. The nominating committee has met with and has conducted interviews with potential board member candidates. The nominating committee would like to present Mike Stopp, Russell Sain, Suzanne Myers, and Freddie Ferrell as the slate of candidates to fill the expiring Director positions. Dower Combs will be beginning his first full 3 year term after completing the term of a vacant board seat. Following the Bylaws, if there is no petition filed to formally nominate any additional director candidates, the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates will be voted on at the regular May board meeting.

There was no Audit Committee report.

There was no Finance Committee report.

Donna Tinnin, CVB Chair, reported that the CVB Community Engagement Committee will have their first breakfast on Tuesday March 29, 2016 to outreach to Hotel owners to let them know what the CVB is working on. This will continue in the future with other tourism stakeholders in the community. Melissa Harris talked about the visitor's guide that will be going to press in a few days. Melissa talked about the OML meeting that will be coming to Tahlequah in August. Melissa provided the board with a running calendar of events for the year.

Erin Feller, YPC chair, talked about the YPC's strategic planning session that was recently held. They have set up a committee structure within the YPC and are looking at a possible name change in the future to reflect what the YPC goals are. Tahlequah's next generation of leaders will be their new tag line and the initial name change will be Tahlequah Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs with the goal of having Tahlequah Next be the new name within a few years. New committees will include: Community Service, Entertainment and Attractions, Business and Economic Development, Leadership Development, and Government Relations.

Matt Meredith, Membership chair, reported that El Zarape was the spotlight business of the month and has the banner in their establishment. Next ambassador luncheon is April 7th at the Iguana Café.

There was no Community Development report.

Jasen Wright, Economic Development chair, talked about the final Vision and Planning Session on March 24th at 6:00pm at the Vo-Tech. All board members are encouraged to attend. Todd Mutzig promoted the My Tahlequah event on April 2, 2016 and encouraged everyone to help promote and volunteer.

In Item 8A, Stanley Young motioned to accept the 2016-2017 Hotel/Motel Fund Budget. Todd Mutzig seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

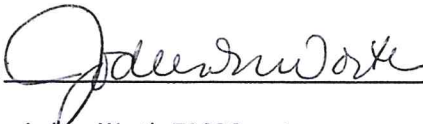
In Item 8B, Isabel Baker motioned to accept the budget modification of the Hotel/Motel 2015-2016 Budget needed to reallocate money due to increased amount needed to cover audit charges and 990 filing fees. Todd Mutzig seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

JoAnn Bradley announced that Mark Wayne Mullin will be at a Town Hall meeting on April 5th, 2016 from 10:30-11:30am at the NSU Webb Auditorium. It is open to the community.

Dusty Rhodes spoke to the board about the project that the Rock and Mineral Society has in the works at Heritage School and all of the many projects they have in store for area schools.

JoAnn Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12. Mike Crawley seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Signed: _____



Jodeen Worth, TACC Secretary

Date: _____

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