

**Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 24, 2016**

The regular May meeting of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday May 24, 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 May 20, 2016. President Glen Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. In attendance were the following board directors:

JoAnn Bradley, Dower Combs, Mike Crawley, Anna Knight, Matt Meredith, Todd Mutzig, Angie Taylor, Coleen Thornton, Donna Tinnin, Angela Tinsley, Steve Turner, Jodeen Worth, Jasen Wright, Stanley Young, Glen Elliott, Jerry Cook, Stephanie Isaacs and Jim Berry (arrived at 7:34). Absent were Chad Eagleton, Erin Feller, and Stephen Highers. Also present were CVB Director Melissa Harris, Michelle Rogers, Michael Stopp, Hunter Lane and Executive Director Laura Doss.

JoAnn Bradley motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Tinnin. The motion passed unanimously.

Angie Taylor, Treasurer, presented the financial reports. Steve Turner motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Mike Crawley. The motion passed unanimously.

Glen Elliott presented the President's report. Glen reminded the board that the date of the June meeting has been moved up a week to June 21, 2016 due to the Chamber Banquet. Glen then spoke about the Chamber Board Strategic and Planning session that was held in May. It was led by Shay Stanfill and 8 board members participated. Glen then deferred to Todd Mutzig to report to the board about the results of the Strategic and Planning Session. The new mission statement that was developed is: "Advancing Business. Connecting Community. Securing our Future". Todd also talked about the goals of recruitment of new business members, membership benefits, more networking events, learning opportunities, create a communications and PR committee, youth leadership program, active and engaged board members and board member exchange.

Laura Doss presented the Executive Director's Report. The annual Chamber Banquet is quickly approaching and a lot of work is going into the planning of it. The next Legislative Focus will be held June 3, 2016 at NSU. The last 5 after 5 at Cherry Springs Golf Course and was a great success. Leadership Graduation is June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber will be sponsoring an upcoming candidate forum on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Armory. Laura introduced Michelle Rogers as the new executive secretary replacing LaShay Simms. The office is in the process of transferring software programs and updating the website.

Membership applications and renewals for May 2016 were presented. Stanley Young motioned to approve the membership applications and renewals. Todd Mutzig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Anna Knight, Governance Committee Chair, reported that the board will be voting on the upcoming slate of officers in action item 8A.

There was no Audit Committee report.

Angie Taylor, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the board will be voting on the upcoming annual budget for Fiscal year 2016-2017 in action item 8C.

Donna Tinnin, CVB Chair, reported to the board that Kin Thompson, CVB board member, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Tourism from the State. Tahlequah was well represented at the yearly Redbud Awards. Melissa Harris reported that they visited river outfitters and passed out visitor guides. Melissa talked about the lake and which marinas would be open for Memorial Day Weekend. Tahlequah has been chosen to host the outside part of the 2017 Bike Summit. The bike ride will be on the Cherokee Trail of Tears Bike Trail. There is an estimate of 300 people to attend.

There was no TYPE (YPC) report.

Matt Meredith, Membership Development Chair, reported that the Ambassadors met at the Chamber at the last Ambassadors Luncheon and dined on Sam and Ella's Pizza. Century 21 Wright Real Estate was chosen as the Spotlight Business. The next meeting will be held at Vidalias.

Angela Tinsley, Community Development Chair, stressed the importance of the upcoming banquet.

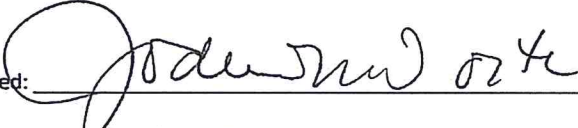
Jasen Wright, Economic Development Chair, had nothing additional to report.

In Item 8A, Stanley young motioned to approve the Slate of Candidates for the open board positions consisting of: Michael Stopp, Russell Sain, Suzanne Myers, Freddie Ferrell, and Dower Combs (serving a second term). JoAnn Bradley seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In Item 8B, Matt Meredith motioned to approve a budget modification to the 2015-2016 Chamber Budget. Steve Turner seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In Item 8C, Mike Crawley motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Chamber Budget. JoAnn Bradley seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

JoAnn Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36. Stanley Young seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Signed:  Date: 6-21-16  
Jodeen Worth, TACC Secretary