

Tourism Development Board

May 13, 2019

Chamber of Commerce Community Room

4:30pm

- Members in attendance
 - Mandy Eller, Christy Ross, Chad McGee, Michael Griffith, Katie Kemezis, John Partin
- Members not in attendance
 - Ben Newman
- Guests
 - Mike Neal, Atlanta Northcutt

Chair, Katie Kemezis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a quorum of members present.

Minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion by Michael Griffin and second by Christy Ross

Chair Kemezis called for the Treasurer report - Michael Griffith reported 64,847.19 in assets with no outstanding debt.

Old Business

- TWRA boat ramp enhancement grant - contact with Chris Richardson from the fuel tax expansion with a goal to help communities expand boat ramp access. Can request up to 100,000. Pepper Branch Park/Rocket Park possible request sites. Positive chance to attain grant due to the existing Comprehensive Plans. Government entity would maintain with upfront expenses from TWRA Grant. City would authorize. Motion by John Partin to authorize Mandy Eller to move forward with city approval was made with a second by Michael Griffin and was approved by the board. Presentation to be made on May 14.

New Business

- A discussion of the Dottie West Music Fest support from the TDB was discussed with a suggestion if a proposal was brought to the board a consideration of helping it with seed money (like was accomplished with Blooms & Brews) was discussed. Christy Ross indicated she would be interested in pursuing the development of a group to develop the fest.
- Mountain Biking Trails (Adventure Biking) discussion. 2020 - Funding will become available from the Department of Conservation and a consideration of future allocation of funding to help with this initiative was discussed.

With no further formal business, John Partin motioned to adjourn and Christy Ross seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted, _____

Chad McGee, Secretary