

Tourism Board Minutes

Special Meeting, April 9th, 2013

The Oriental Tourism Board met on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Jackie Wall and members Grace Evans, Suzanne Gwaltney, Marsha Paplham, Commissioners Larry Summers and Barb Venturi, guests Bill and Dee Sage and Per Erichsen.

Chairman Wall established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Mrs. Paplham made a motion to approve the February 19th minutes with the following corrections:

Under Old Business, paragraph 2, line 2 – remove the “d” from approved; Old Business, paragraph 3, line 1 – lower case “b” on Booms; Old Business, paragraph 4, line 1 – change Jim Salmons to Sammons; Old Business, paragraph 4, line 6 – change is to if. Under New Business, paragraph 3, lines 2 & 3 – change “Grace Evans doesn’t feel that since that is not in the Town limits... that it should be allowed” to Grace Evans felt that since it is not in the Town limits . . .it should not be allowed.” New Business, paragraph 3, line 4 – add “for wedding venues” at the end of the sentence.

Mrs. Gwaltney seconded the motion with the above approved changes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

A funding request for Art on the Neuse was presented by Per Erichsen of the Arts Council. Mrs. Wall moved that the tourism board approve the \$500 request for Art on the Neuse. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gwaltney. Motion passed 4 – 0.

A funding request for a Martin Brossman seminar was presented by Dee Sage of STEP2. After it was determined that tourism dollars can be spent for this type of seminar, Mrs. Gwaltney moved that the tourism board approve the \$500 request for the seminar. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Paplham. Motion passed 3 – 1. Mrs. Evans voted no.

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The annual budget was presented for discussion and several changes in the 2012 budget were made. Mrs. Paplham moved to accept the amended budget. Mrs. Evans seconded. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Discussion was held regarding Meghan Palko's interest in serving as a PR person for the tourism board. Mrs. Gwaltney moved that the tourism board use Ms. Palko as needed at her requested rate of \$10 per hour. Mrs. Paplham seconded. Motion passed 4 – 0.

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Gwaltney moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Paplham. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Jackie Wall, Chairman

Sandy J. Clark, Deputy Clerk