

**Oriental Tourism Board
Special Meeting July 16, 2013**

Chairman Wall established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present were chairman Wall, Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Papham, and Commissioner Summers.

The special meeting was called to consider two funding requests: one for the Jim Sammons Kayak Fishing Show and one for this year's Dragon Boat Race Festival.

On the matter of the Jim Sammons Fishing Show, Mrs. Wall moved that the tourism board ask the town of Oriental for reserve funds in the amount of \$2,000 to fund the Oriental segment. The motion contained certain contingencies. The contingencies were that the producers of the show use only local (Pamlico County/Oriental) guides, that there be a bad weather clause, that the footage include a panoramic view of Oriental and that the producers let the Oriental tourism board use some footage on official town and tourism sites. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gwaltney. Motion passed.

On the matter of the Dragon Boat Festival, Mrs. Gwaltney moved that the tourism board ask the town of Oriental for reserve funds in the amount of \$2,377.50 to fund items per the attached memo. Mrs. Beal seconded. Discussion followed regarding the date for the festival each year. It was decided that the board would request a meeting prior to setting the date for the 2014 Dragon Boat Festival and that Mrs. Moorman and the board would work together to find a weekend that would put "heads in beds" as this year's date is already a busy weekend. There being no further discussion, motion was passed.

In non-agenda business, Mrs. Evans moved that the tourism board put forth an official statement about ferry tolls and their effect on tourism in Oriental. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gwaltney. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Summers would put a statement together and disseminate that statement to all legislators connected with the ferry toll inquiries. Motion passed.

In other non-agenda business, Mrs. Gwaltney asked that the board consider mobile apps in a future meeting. No motion was made but general consensus was that the board should put this on a future agenda.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.