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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF September 9, 2020, 2020 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Thorpe called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Johnson provided the invocation. Chairman Thorpe led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Debbie Anthony
Trustee Tammy Cross (appeared via Zoom)
Trustee Brandon Johnson
Trustee Janet Reed
Vice Chairman Danny Sherrer
Chairman Jim Thorpe

Absent:

Trustee Charles Calhoun

Chairman Thorpe declared a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) **Consideration and Action - Approval of Minutes for**
 - a. **August 12, 2020 Regular Called Meeting**
 - b. **August 28, 2020 Special Called Meeting**

APPROVED

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Anthony to approve the regular called meeting minutes of August 12, 2020.

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

b. August 28, 2020 Special Called Meeting

APPROVED

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Cross to approve the special meeting minutes of August 28, 2020.

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

2) Review DTEDA Financial Reports – July 2020 - Treasurer

Jennifer Taylor presented the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority (DTEDA) Financial Report – July 2020 on behalf of the Durant City Treasurer. \$30,000 dollars was collected for the month of July and Ms. Taylor specified that tourism looks like are starting to pick back up. Request for more detailed information was included in the packet given to the Authority.

3. Introduction of New Parks Superintendent/Durant Multi-Sports Complex Director

Caleb Gwaltney came up to introduce himself to the Authority. He spoke about where he came from and his background. Chairman Jim Thorpe asked for a line item sheet for how much it would cost to host a tournament at the Durant Multi-Sports Complex.

4. Discuss and Consider Approval for Funding and Guidelines to the Durant Multi-Sports

Chairman Jim Thorpe asked for a line item sheet for how much it would cost to host a tournament at the Durant Multi-Sports Complex.

5. Discuss and Consider Approval of Grant Application – FLW/FLW Series

TABLED

Trustee Johnson asked about the timeframe, it is 90 days out. Trustee Reed stated that everything will be in Oklahoma. Trustee Reed stated also that we need to try to get as many people as possible from the event to stay in Durant. She suggested stipulations for a certain amount of event-goers to stay in the Durant community at our hotels. Trustee Johnson stated that his recommendation would be to table this item so they could reach out to those hosting the event to find out what works best for all those involved.

6. Discuss and Consider Approval for Grant Revisions

a. Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival
b. Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma

a. Trustee Brandon Johnson stated that he was not sure that the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival would bring in a lot of tourism. Trustee Reed suggested an online format, however, Trustee Johnson stated that he wasn't sure how that would bring in tourism money. Chairman Thorpe supported what Trustee Johnson stated. Discussion was had about what the motion should be on, it should be on the revision. Will make a motion to not accept the revision and stick with original approved proposed grant.

Motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Anthony to not approve the grant revisions to the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: Reed

b. The co-chair of the Magnolia committee, Mr. Dry, was present to speak about the Magnolia Festival. The Magnolia Festival was canceled and Mr. Dry spoke about transferring the funds for a horseshoe or corn-hole tournament in either December, January, February. Trustee Johnson recommended that the Magnolia Festival not be funded and that another submission should be put in for either a horseshoe or corn-hole. Trustee Reed explained that they are voting on the Magnolia Festival revisions and not the original grant. The Magnolia Festival has already been funded.

Motion was made by Trustee Anthony and seconded by Trustee Cross to not approve the grant revisions to the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma.

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: Reed

7. Discuss and Consider Approval for Durant Area Chamber of Commerce (Representative of DTEDA) Monthly Service Fee for October 2020 and November 2020.

APPROVED

Jennifer Taylor requests to continue to get paid for October 2020 and November 2020.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Sherrer and seconded by Trustee Anthony to approve the of the Monthly Service Fee for October 2020 and November 2020.

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: Reed

8. Discussion of Future Office Space Rental

Trustee Johnson stated that he did not see a need for office space right now.

9. Information Items

a. Durant Area Chamber of Commerce Activity Report

Jennifer Taylor gave a report. Ms. Taylor stated that the Discover Oklahoma ads will be going out soon. Regarding the Discover Durant website, they have updated the directory and published it for the restaurants. Currently, they are working on the shopping in Durant and will link everything to the tourism website that the state has.

10. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

Nathan Roach gave a report from the Choctaw Nation Tourism Department. He stated that they received their pathfinders. They do not have any events at this time.

11. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no citizen comments.

12. Old Business

Trustee Reed stated that the rodeo date was changed to March.

13. New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original minutes in draft form. The minutes contained herein have not been approved by the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority and are scheduled to appear on the October 14, 2020 regular agenda for consideration.

**BLAKE M. HOFFMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
CITY OF DURANT, OKLAHOMA**

