

Town of Franklin Tourism Development Authority Meeting

September 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Connie Grubermann, members Donnie Bishop, Tim Crabtree, Cheryl Pullium, and Town designee Sarah Bishop were present.

Josh Drake, Matt Holland, and Candy Presley were absent.

Approval of August 9, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion was made by Pullium, seconded by D. Bishop to approve the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Financial Reports for September 13, 2021

Bishop presented the financial report for September 13, 2021.

Motion was made by Pullium, seconded by Crabtree to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Report is attached.

Sub Committee Reports

- A.) Finance/Budget Chair Report – None
- B.) Policy and Rules of Procedure Chair Report – None
- C.) Application Review Chair Report – Presented.

New Business: Conquer the Mountain Half Marathon & 5K

A request for \$3,250 was submitted on behalf of the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center for the Conquer the Mountain Half Marathon & 5K. No one was present for discussion.

New Business: Update on Trail of Tears Conference

Sarah Bishop told the Board that the Trail of Tears Conference had been cancelled so the Nikwasi Initiative had returned funds that were not spent and the NC Trail of Tears Association had requested cancellation of the grant they received.

Chair Person Grubermann asked Bishop to get clarification as to why the event was cancelled.

Old Business: Funding Request for the Naturalist 25K/50K Trail Race - \$1,700

Motion was made by Crabtree, seconded by Pullium to approve \$1700 for the Naturalist 25K/50K Trail Race. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Items from the Board

The Board asked for clarification on allowed uses of funds. They suggested possibly getting the town attorney's opinion on what constitutes "rent" as referenced in the Rules of Procedure.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Pullium, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Connie Grubermann, Chairperson

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk