



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
September 29, 2015 | 6:00 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, our Facebook site and TDA website for full public review 90 days prior to the June Public Hearing meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism related funds for their use can apply all year long.

1. Called to order at 6:12 pm – Ms. Brackett, Mr. Willis and Mr. Mongiello attended and accounted for. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the June meeting minutes and 2nd by Mr. Willis, passed unanimously. At this time for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order. Additionally, it is noted under law that no single person is legally allowed to control any agenda of a public meeting, including any Mayor or Chairperson. Meetings do not have to have an agenda printed up under law and distributed prior to, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add in to any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of a class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely stating control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is particularly directed towards those leading public boards who think they control the agenda, or make illegal statements in North Carolina such as, “well, if I feel like putting your item onto my agenda – otherwise we might never talk about your ideas.”

2. Financial Report presented – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. Additional items of fiduciary compliance are required to be added by law. JD Ledford presented full review of all expenses and deposits on one piece of paper for review since the TDA began its history. Current balance \$4,057.58 with restricted reserve making an available balance of 3651.82 according to then Mayor and Town Finance Officer, JD Ledford. Mr. Willis motioned also to approve the regular TDA Audit contract due from now on, as long as it is the same amount year to year, with DKeller CPAPA Firm, it was discussed to be therefore



approved for each year as it is required by law anyway, unless the price goes up and it was seconded by Ms. Brackett and passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

- A. **Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony** – Discussions continued on the new ceremony and planting.
- B. **A motion previously made in April to spend No More Than (Not to Exceed) \$700.00 was expanded to NTE \$1300.00 for a town Christmas Tree** – explained by Authority member Willis for all electricity, conduit, wiring, lights, decorations, a tree to be purchased and planted. This was discussed again in June and at this meeting with an advanced motion to spend up to an additional \$1,000.00 further, if needed on a NTE basis to include decorations, signs, consumable supplies, trash bags and more to ensure the tourism draw was a success coming into the town and exposure in the papers and via signs in the entire area. This also included a bucket truck NTE if needed of \$250.00 authorized for pole hangings by Mr. Willis and 2nd by Brackett, passing unanimously.
- C. **The planter plants on Main Street** of an NTE of \$400.00 was discussed as done with watering concerns and the 100 degree heat. The incoming board member Ann Hoyle might take over keeping an eye on them and can be asked next year.
- D. **Mr. McDaniel to fix banners, weeds – Willis to call Dewey Electrical.** Several items were discussed again to try and fix a few banners on the streets and various weeds all over town. Mongiello has repeatedly deployed and paid hundreds of dollars in private money for weeding and spraying of the town and Main Street. The cost of a bucket truck is inhibiting sign repair. The Mongiello's also paid several hundred to properly paint and weed the island in front of First Baptist Church.
- E. **Mongiello would make arrangements to meet with CSX** about the sidewalks and more while Willis agreed to call and get bids from Dewey Electric to install lights on our signs.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **The newly updated bylaws** for the CPA required items were signed but next will be posted to the website.
- B. **Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He promised to make a list of the signs and Willis stated the County price of 58.00 per sign might be able to be lowered from Dewey Electric doing them instead. JD Ledford stated he felt the town could pay for the signs to be done as well if the TDA did not feel like paying for them. Mongiello sent the entire list and brought a copy of it.

7. Adjourned at 7:05 pm with a motion by Willis, 2nd Brackett and unanimously voted for.