



## MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority  
December 27, 2016 | 6:11 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 before 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 6:11 pm** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett seated and in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates.
2. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the September 27, 2016 meetings minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Brackett. Passed unanimously at 6:26 pm. **NOTE ABOUT CRIMINAL CONDUCT:** 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 before, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add into any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely reporting control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is mainly 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.”
3. **Financial Report** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. The current balance presented in the bank by Mayor and Town Finance Manager Willis as of June 27, 2016, was \$3,083.77. No new report was provided but promised by the March 28, 2017 meeting from the Town Finance Manager, Bill Willis. A motion was



made by Mongiello to amend the budget allowing for an increased fee of \$175.00 for the bonding by Travelers Insurance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brackett and passed unanimous. Mongiello also recanted his repeated letters to high level officials and Vice Presidents of Travelers in attempts to get them to respond for the new bond in Mayor Willis name. The individual in charge had not responded to the Mayor, repeatedly, and Mongiello spoke with the State of NC Director to get service. The bond was paid for and written by the insurance company. The town of Grover also announced they stopped collecting the 3% fee on TDA submittals to make accountancy much more obvious and to provide matching numbers of money turned in = money deposited. In accordance with the Public Hearing of the Budget from the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting this is sure to bring the expenditures for the year well below the budget passed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS** for action and report review.

- A. Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony and Festival**– Discussions continued on the new ceremony and doing it again for 2017 with more advertising, signs and pamphlets. Additionally, it was discussed to put a poster into the mail of each home, if allowed or possible. TBD.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He has emailed the list of the signs and Willis stated he had a new machine in town that could begin to make its signs.

**7. Adjourned at 7:30 pm with a motion by Brackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**