



## MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority

March 29, 2016 | 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 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 6:18 pm** – No meeting was held in December as the TDA did not have a new member appointed yet by the town council due to a new Mayor coming into office after the elections of 2015.
2. Ms. Linda Brackett unable to attend due to the operation and to recuperate, Mr. Willis (new TDA Finance Officer), Ms. Ann Hoyle and Mr. Mongiello attended and accounted for. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the September meeting minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hoyle. 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 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.”



**2. Financial Report presented** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. JD Ledford had submitted as outgoing Finance Officer, a full review of all expenses and deposits on one piece of paper for reconsideration since the TDA began its history. The current balance at September's meeting was noted as \$4,057.58 with restricted reserve making an available balance of 3651.82. Mr. Willis mentioned he was just beginning to deposit and review checks and would present his first and full accounting to the TDA and CPA for the annual audit at June 28, 2016, meeting, in time for the Open Hearing and Public Meeting for the budget going into 2017.

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

- A. Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony** – Discussions continued on the new ceremony and doing it again for 2016 at the same, recommended amounts.
- B. 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 agreed to take over keeping an eye on them, and a motion was made by Mongiello to spend \$400.00 on new plants to fill up the Potters again, including weed killer and soil, fertilizer, and items for the Potters. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoyle. Voted and passed unanimously.
- C. 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. The cost of a bucket truck is inhibiting sign repair. The weeds are being dealt with much better this year, and it was mentioned to please thank Mr. McDaniel for doing such a good job.
- D. Mongiello spoke with CSX** about the sidewalks and more while Willis agreed to call and get bids from Dewey Electric to install lights on our signs. CSX is open to helping the town anyway they need.

**4. 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 the County price of 58.00 per sign might be able to be lowered from Dewey Electric doing them instead.
- B. A lengthy discussion was held on the town computers and system.** It was noted how debilitating it is for the town to operate and is going to be fixed entirely with computers and a server. The Mayor discussed all of the work he has put into this effort to help the town.

**7. Adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion by Mongiello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**