



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
September 30, 2014 | 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 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 6:05 - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of June, 2014 minutes motioned by Mongiello and 2nd by Bracket, 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 – JD Ledford complete with Excel sheet as the Grover Town Finance Officer. Independent audit report completed by Darrell Keller, CPA of Kings Mountain, NC was reviewed, discussed, paid and forwarded. New 2014-2015 audit was discussed and budget. A vote was held to remove the 750.00 restriction, budget amended to include \$583.00 line item needed for simple balancing and draft TDA audit approved Willis motion, 2nd Brackett, passed unanimously. Current balance reported by JD Ledford was \$3456.73 and a 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law.



3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

A. New Town Park – Discussions continue and the park could open in 2014 or 2015. Mongiello/Willis work item.

B. Check to be signed for Public Official Bonding for the Finance Director of the TDA. JD Ledford action item and presentation as letter is received and was voted on and approved at the March meeting. Completed action. This was simply reiterated at this September meeting.

C. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Tabled presently.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. New additions requested for By-Laws. As state law changes and evolves we must also discuss the new strategic reserve and clauses requested to be added in.

B. Banner purchases for the telephone poles featuring Grover (regular design to be used) was motioned by Mongiello with a NTE \$2300.00 and \$200.00 towards a Christmas tree to be planted, 2nd Willis, passed unanimously. \$2500.00 maximum. These would be hung on the telephone poles like before around the town and done by the Maintenance Department.

5. Announcements

A. TV show filming for series in Grover continues with Producers and shot around the county on June 15 and 16. 50 episodes have been sold and PBS featured the Inn of the Patriots for three days this past weekend on NC Weekend.

D. Carolina Crossing Restaurant has a billboard on Interstate 85 and ads on shopping carts in Kings Mountain driving traffic to Grover.

E. Two bus tours from Carolina Tours and Duke Power visited Grover, Carolina Crossing Restaurant and the Presidential Culinary Museum. Three more bus tours are coming from Raleigh with 50 people per day on October 13, 14 and 15. All is ready.

7. Adjourned at 6:54 pm with a motion by Mongiello, 2nd Willis and unanimously voted for.