



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
January 29, 2013 | 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are normally promulgated publicly as the last Tuesday of each quarter. Our meeting for this week was actually on Wednesday at 6 pm due to a lot of tourism guests flying to Grover from Europe (on Tuesday night). We typically meet at Grover Town Hall as the prescribed place of meeting to the public - but if locked and unable to gain access, have an immediate default meeting place of Carolina Crossing Restaurant.

1. Call to order - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of June minutes (delayed from Secretary Linda Brackett) and August minutes completed after quorum determined with Brackett, Mongiello and Willis present at Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Mongiello made motion and all voted unanimously. Town Hall was locked shut.

October held a special conference call with the state and a review session on the last Tuesday of October to discuss such and restructuring of the board and proposed by-laws originally supplied by attorney Mickey Corry. Found to contain numerous, inaccurate paragraphs in violation of Robert's Rules of Order and the state Treasurers office . It was decided to allow time for new town commissioners to nominate and appoint a new TDA board member leading up to the New Year. No official meeting was held in September, October, November or December of 2013, therefore, as the town was directed by the state of NC to appoint a replacement for TDA member JD Ledford. The state demonstratively disapproved of the town's previous allowance of the Mayor being on the TDA board, under the town attorney's cognizance. No minutes were due for September, October, November or December of 2013 as no official meetings were held.

2. Financial Report – JD Ledford complete with Excel sheet as the Grover Town Finance Officer did not occur and he was contacted to please update the TDA. Ledford did not attend. Independent audit report discussed and Willis noted The Inn of the Patriots needed to supply a .02 adjustment check to mathematically rectify the balance sheet. Mongiello stated he would do see immediately. Bill Willis officially replaced with JD Ledford as the TDA Finance Officer being originally, inaccurately assigned to such duties by the town council resolution with cognizance of attorney Corry; now replaced by the correct position of Town Finance Officer, held by JD Ledford (Mayor). Bill Willis reappointed to TDA board as a TDA Board Member under town resolution passed and voted on in December, 2013. The balance as of September 27 was \$1,915.83. As Bill Willis is relieved of official duties he will present a complete review and bank statement to clear his responsibility of all finances. A vote on the audit contract was held



from D. Keller, CPA of Kings Mountain, NC and then submitted to the state of NC for legal review at a current cost of \$725.00 per year. Vote unanimous to engage and pay for the first six months needing to be audited of 2013 and to engage and pay with addition to budget line items moving forward into the 2014 audit.

Willis motioned to move account to a different bank, Bracket provided second, passed unanimous.

Willis agreed to re-email Ledford an updated budget sheet in Excel.

3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review

A. Signature of the by-laws/Recommendation of newest member (revision 7/pending 8) with review of recent updates by JD Ledford. Discussion of meeting with Kara Millonzi (UNC) of Raleigh on September 24 at 10:00 am results. Mayor is not able to serve as a voting member on the TDA board. As Bill Willis has an opening and has been to every meeting it was suggested that he serve on the TDA and proposed for a vote. Town council appointed Willis to the TDA officially and By-Laws version 9 was signed by all and scheduled for scanning prior to the March meeting. It was also determined by unanimous vote (Mongiello motioned, Willis 2nd) and signing that the By-Laws be put online and archived at the town hall as well as emailed to the auditor and all board members before the March 25 meeting.

Mongiello motioned that Willis assume #2 position of Vice Chairman, Brackett 2nd, Vote Mongiello and Brackett for - with Willis abstaining. Unlike some town hall meetings, Roberts Rules of Order does not legally allow turning an ABSTENTION vote into an automatic YEA, despite town attorney Corry's guidance – Chairman Mongiello refused to violate Robert's Rules of Order and accurately recorded Willis vote as ABSTENTION. [[RONR](#) (11th ed.), p. 400, ll. 7-12; p. 401, ll. 8-11; p. 403, ll. 13-24; see also p. 66 of [RONRIB](#). Deemed illegal.]

B. New Town Park – Willis suggested a different approach of the town buying the park land from the Keeter family and the TDA to refurbish the park. Such was discussed by the board and agreed upon with Mongiello to speak with the Keeter family.

C. Town Welcome Signs - With all signs up now as was promised the newest item has been agreed upon to build walls and beds of flowers inside them for all three signs. The main welcome sign by route 226 and 29 will be first for a 1000.00 build program complete with Mayor Ledford showcasing design ideas and sample rock formations carried into the July meeting for showcase. Brackett, Ledford, Mongiello team promised item. Ledford was to gain approval from the town council during the September meeting (such official meeting had been delayed at the town hall). This item was tabled for the time being and decided to focus on the New Town Park.

D. New request and approval forms to be presented and reviewed for all groups requesting money for parades, events or other. Forms have previously been reviewed for two months by all



board members as samples from the town of Franklin. JD Ledford to send logo to Mongiello not completed so Mongiello will develop alone and on his own. All forms accepted by board. Mongiello promised to bring new forms to March meeting.

E. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Moved to Mongiello for program straw man. Working with Grover Elementary School now and Ms. Pam Anderson. New poster contest. Mongiello continuing action item.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed vote of confidence and support to the new resort with the Catawba Nation was previously held and Mongiello went to meet with the Nation, in person discussed. Willis stated he was personally against it but professionally for it as it would provide 4,000+ jobs. Mongiello and Brackett support it.

5. Items from the Board - None

6. Announcements

A. Next Meeting always the last Tuesday of the quarter decided from now on and By-Laws support such at town hall, 6 pm. We typically meet at Grover Town Hall as the prescribed place of meeting to the public - but if locked and unable to gain access, have an immediate default meeting place of Carolina Crossing Restaurant.

B. Film debut and release of Alone Yet Not Alone Hollywood motion picture that several Grover residents supported including the Grover based American Revolutionary War Living History Center (ARWLHC). Limited premier and full nationwide release in February 2014. Film now nominated for an Oscar.

D. Grover Pumpkin Festival was held Oct 26, 2013. It was encouraged and listed numerous times on the TDA Facebook site. It also was shared via Facebook around the internet and Mayor Ledford may be able to mention some progress items on it for 2014.

H. TV show filming for series in Grover continues with Producer Tim Helsley and Revelation Productions in the end of September. An introductory TV clip was put online.

7. Adjourned at 7:26 pm.