



## March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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**Present:**

Nathan Messer  
Matt Gentry  
Wendy McMann  
Nathan Frampton  
Donnie Lawson  
Kevin VanHorn  
Alexa Lingg  
Jeri Day (Director)  
Steve Russo (Media Director)  
Audrea Racine (Attorney)

**Absent:**

**Note: Three vacant spots on the board as of May 2021.**

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The Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau met on March 14, 2023, in the Connie Lamar Room within the Boone County Annex Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Messer at 4:31 p.m.

**In the Matter of Consent Agenda – Director’s Report, Treasurer’s Report and February 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

Matt Gentry made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann. Motion carried 7-0.

**In the Matter of Public Comments:**

Jamestown Clerk – Treasurer Lori Hieston also on the Jamestown Municipal Park Board, wanted to thank everyone for the grant they received for the Jamestown Apple Cider Festival.

**Legal Discussion:**

Attorney Audrea Racine has no updates currently.

**In the Matter of Discussion:**

Executive Director - The Board met in an executive session prior to the CVB meeting to discuss candidates and offer packages. President Messer would like to make a motion to extend an offer to the candidate that has been chosen, once approved by legal counsel, for \$90,000 per year, full time exempt employee and 4 weeks of PTO Motion seconded by Matt Gentry. Motion carried 7-0.

**In the Matter of Old Business:**

Wendy McMann brought it to the attention of President Messer that at last month's meeting the grants were presented but never made a motion to pay out the grants. Nathan Messer made a motion to approve the grants as presented at last month's meeting by the grant committee. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann. Motion carried 7-0.

**In the Matter of New Business:**

Nothing currently.

**In the Matter of Round Robin/Open Discussion – ideas/thoughts/future plans/etc.:**

Matt Gentry stated that the Fieldhouse steel is up. The Bike Park has officially received the funding from the REDI Grant. Savor of Lebanon is back it will be held on the first Saturday in May on the square in Lebanon. 10% of the profits goes to a local non-profit so if anyone has any ideas, please let Matt know.

Kevin VanHorn would like to congratulate Ken Hedge who was caucused in as the new Boone County Councilman to replace Don Lamb who has stepped down to take a position with the State of Indiana's Agriculture Division.

Wendy McMann stated that everything has been given to the accountant for taxes. There is a new law that went into effect for non-profits, and they do not have to file a business personal property return.

Nathan Messer would like to thank the board in supporting him wanting to get a full-time director in place.

Alexa Lingg stated Whitestown officially opened the new playground in Gateway Park which is extremely inclusive. Next month there are three events, Bike Fest will be the last weekend in April with a lot of new vendors and entertainment. They are having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual battle of the badges 5K, so if anyone knows any local law enforcement that would like to participate let Alexa know.

Steve Russo stated that the Fast Cat Trials will be in April at the Fairgrounds this is not a cat show this is a dog show.

Jeri Day wanted to mention that Chris Bishop works with Purdue University in business development, would like to bring a new event for gaming and technology to the Boone County Fairgrounds. They will use local vendors and will have an educational section. They are looking at a minimum of \$1,000 grant.

With no further business, Wendy McMann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm. Matt Gentry seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes prepared by Lori Rapp