



April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Nathan Messer

Matt Gentry

Wendy McMann

Nathan Frampton

Donnie Lawson

Kevin VanHorn

Alexa Lingg

Jeri Day (Director)

Audrea Racine (Attorney)

Absent:

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

The Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau met on April 11, 2023, in the Connie Lamar Room within the Boone County Annex Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Messer at 4:30 p.m.

In the Matter of Public Comments:

No public comments.

Welcoming of Allyson Gutwein – New Bo Co CVB Executive Director:

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

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

Legal Discussion:

Attorney Audrea Racine asked about a contract for the new Boone County CVB Executive Director. Nathan Messer suggested the hiring committee get back together to put a rough draft contract for the board.

In the Matter of Discussion:

Three grants:

1. American Indian Pow-Wow \$2,000 for rental
2. Indianapolis Antique Advertising Show \$2,000 out of promotion line and CVB does the advertising for them.
3. Simmental Breeders \$5,000 for rental

Nathan Messer made a motion to pay the Boone County fairgrounds directly \$2,000 for rental for the American Indian Pow-Wow. Pay \$2,000 from the promotion line and CVB will work with Indianapolis Antique Advertising Show and advertise for them. Pay Boone County fairgrounds directly \$5,000 for the rental for the Simmental Breeders. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Old Business:

No Old Business.

In the Matter of New Business:

No New Business.

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

Alexa Lingg would like to know how to disburse CVB tickets to Viking Fest. Alexa will send out an email and anyone wanting tickets will then reply to her.

Nathan Messer stated that in Whitestown the hotels are still under development, and they have another one in planning for a 100 room niche hotel it would have a high end restaurant downstairs and a rooftop bar.

Matt Gentry stated that plans for a Fairfield Inn in Lebanon has been submitted, there will be a Bar Louie next to it. They are looking at possibly three hotels around the Fieldhouse instead of the two that was initially thought. One of those hotels could possibly be a convention center. The Fieldhouse is ahead of schedule, and they are already booking tournaments for 2024. Possible soft opening December 2023 timeframe and full opening in January 2024. Dirt is still being hauled to Stone Eater bike park.

Nathan Messer stated that Whitestown announced a 20-million-dollar water park that is part of the Recs Development. This was supposed to be phase II of the development but due to issues with getting the project off the ground, it was decided to move it up.

Kevin VanHorn wanted to remind everyone about the Annual Kiwanis pancake supper Saturday April 22, 2023.

With no further business, Wendy McMann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01pm. Kevin VanHorn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes prepared by Lori Rapp