



## January 09, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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**Present:**

Nathan Messer  
Wendy McMann  
Kevin VanHorn  
Tiffany Stoner  
Valerie Swack

**Absent:**

Matt Gentry  
Donnie Lawson  
Allyson Gutwein (Executive Director)

**Note: One vacant spot on the board as of January 2024.**

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The Discover Boone County met on January 09, 2024, in the Connie Lamar Room within the Boone County Annex Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Messer at 4:33 p.m.

**Opening of the Meeting:**

Nathan Messer made a motion to add Board introductions and Election of Officers immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance and Approve Innkeepers withdraw under New Business. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Introductions:**

Tiffany Stoner has been a resident of Zionsville for 24 years.  
Valerie Swack is also a Zionsville resident.

Nathan Messer made a motion to table the Election of Officers. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**In the Matter of Public Comments:**

No public comment.

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

Nathan Messer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**Legal Discussion:**

Nathan Messer made a motion to table the financial policy. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**In the Matter of Old Business:**

No old business.

**In the Matter of New Business:**

Leigh Ann Akard was introduced as a new Discover Boone County employee.

With the beginning of the new year Wendy would like to move \$854,000 of the Innkeepers tax to the budgeted expense line.

Allyson sent out Roles/Responsibilities and Nathan encouraged everyone to review before signing at next month’s meeting.

Nathan would also like everyone to review the Conflict-of-Interest form, this will be brought up at next month’s meeting.

The Eclipse grants were sent to the grant committee, they received five applications. It was discussed that two of the applicants planned to either sell parking spots and/or food and would profit from the event. It was also discussed that these two applicants would more than likely use that money to put back into the community.

Nathan Messer made a motion to approve all five applications for \$2,500 each as submitted. Motion seconded by Kevin VanHorn. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Nathan Messer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 pm. Motion seconded by Wendy McMann. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes prepared by Lori Rapp