



January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kate Swanson
Violet Worth
Matt Genty
Wendy McMann
Kevin VanHorn
Greg Ballard
Amanda Cecil joined remotely

Allyson Gutwein (CEO)
Katy Moore- Board Attorney

Absent:

Doug Weisheit
Tim Beyer

Note: No vacant spots on the board as of January 2025.

Opening of the Meeting:

The Discover Boone County met on January 14, 2025, in the Connie Lamar Room within the Boone County Annex Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Matt Genty at 4:36 p.m.

In the Matter of Public Comments:

No public comment.

In the Matter of Confirmation of Board Members and Election of Officers:

The election of officers was tabled until all members are present.

In the Matter of Consent Agenda- Director's Report, Treasurer's Report and December 2024 Meeting Minutes:

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

In the Matter of Old Business:

Attorney Update and Comment- Katy Moore confirmed forms for Wendy McMann to file, is looking at bylaws to update from 2022, is reviewing the employee handbook, and confirmed Conflict of Interest forms have been sent out via email by Allyson.

Matt Gentry asked about reviewing appointment numbers and asked to revisit the conversations with the leaders.

Building Update- Final walk-through will be on January 20th at 10:30am. The commercial doors need to be installed in order to get the Certificate of Occupancy.

Executive Director Contract Renewal 2025- The review committee met to review the contract. The board approved the change of title for Allyson to CEO. Wendy McMann made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Kevin VanHorn. Kate Swanson abstained from voting. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstain.

Bookkeeper Discussions- Wendy McMann, Amanda Cecil, Allyson met with Greenwalt. As of the meeting date, Greenwalt had not gotten a quote back to Discover Boone County for services. Decision was made to keep this in old business.

In the Matter of New Business:

Boone County Solid Waste Management District granted Discover Boone County's grant request to replace 2 of the water refill fountains at the fairgrounds and get 3 filters. BCSWM ordered the items and sent them directly to the fairgrounds.

Building Sign- Mounts Signs will contact the City of Lebanon and Historic Preservation Commission to get design approval.

Inn Keepers Tax Increase: Senator Buchanon created Senate Bill No. 252- Boone County Innkeepers Tax Bill to propose the tax rate movement initiative for Boone County.

Board Member Updates- Kevin VanHorn reported that the County Council approved Wendy McMann's appointment again.

Lebanon's Report- Matt Gentry reported that the Fairfield Inn is making progress; as well as two hotels and a convention center hotel are proposed near The Farmer's Bank Fieldhouse.

Welcome To the New Board Members

Whitestown's Report- Whitestown had nothing to report at this time.

Allyson informed the board that Discover Boone County won their first state award Indiana Society of Association Executives (ISAE) Star Award for Supplier of the Year.

With no further business, Wendy McMann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Greg Ballard. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leigh Ann Akard.