

Minutes for Special Called Liberty Tourism and Convention Commission

August 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Rigney at 5:04 p.m. Members present were Rigney, TJ Rayhill, Sandy Wolford, Meagan Klee, Luke Wethington, Director Heather Cundiff and Assistant director Shelby Hatter.

Guests present: Amy Carmicle-Rabich, Charlie VanLeuven, Vicki Strong Durham and Teddy Strong

Minutes were approved for June 1 meeting; Rayhill made motion to accept and Wolford seconded. None opposed – motion carried. Minutes were approved for June 28 special called meeting; Rayhill made motion to accept and Klee seconded. None opposed – motion carried.

Financial report was presented by Director Cundiff. Rayhill made a motion to accept the report and Wolford seconded the motion. None opposed – motion carried.

Director Cundiff presented the Director's report. Assistant Director Hatter presented the Assistant Director report.

Chairperson Rigney called for nominations for board positions. Luke Wethington volunteered to serve as Chairperson for the 23/24 year. Wolford volunteered to continue as secretary. Rayhill made a motion to accept Wethington and Wolford for these positions. Klee seconded the motion. None opposed – motion carried.

Chairperson Rigney called for Lanhamtown Road Trail Development update. Carmicle-Rabich presented information. No action taken. Guest Vicki Durham expressed concerns regarding the ownership of the property. Ms. Durham was informed that those concerns could not be addressed by the Tourism Commission and that she would have to consult with Liberty City Council.

Chairperson Rigney recognized Charlie VanLeuven and his proposal to partner Casey County News with Tourism Commission to produce and distribute a calendar of upcoming events in Casey County. Rayhill made a motion to partner with Casey County News and approved \$3500 to be spent on the publication and distribution of calendars. Klee seconded the motion. None opposed – motion carried.

Rigney recognized Cundiff to present information for Zartico Research. This will provide demographic information about visitors to our area. Rayhill made a motion to approve this service for one year. Klee seconded the motion. None opposed – motion carried.

Rigney recognized Hatter to update on the sale of the Christmas Lights. Hatter said that she has been in touch with United Realty about auctioning the lights. Commissioners requested more

information before taking action. Hatter said she would consult with realtor Matt Murphy before our next meeting.

Wolford made motion to adjourn, Rayhill seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned. Next regular meeting will be September 7, 2023 at 5:00 at Liberty City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wolford.