

SWITZERLAND COUNTY RECREATION, TOURISM, AND CONVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2020

Meeting Information

These are the minutes of the meeting of the Switzerland County Recreation, Tourism, and Convention Commission held Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:04 PM at the Switzerland County Technology and Education Center, Vevay, IN, 47043. The meeting was chaired by Pam Haines (President) and it was determined that a quorum was present. The following Commission Members were present (in last name alphabetical order): Jon Bond, Melissa Brush, Barbara Davidson, Mike Dean, Andrea Kappas, Jon Charles Smith, and Stacy Streett. Rhonda Griffin was absent.

Others present include Paula Myers (CFO, SCT), Geri Emmelman (Office Manager, SCT), and John Kniola (Vevay Main Street, Historic Hoosier Theater, and Switzerland County Parks).

Actions of the Board

A. Meeting Business was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A request was made by Pam Haines to dispense with the consent agenda and review previous minutes and all financial reports with claims registers for March, April, and May 2020.

Mike Dean made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2020, seconded by Melissa Brush. Motion carries.

Jon Charles Smith made a motion to approve the Financial Reports and Claims Registers for March 2020, seconded by Jon Bond. Motion carries.

Mike Dean made a motion to approve the Financial Reports and Claims Registers for April 2020, seconded by Barbara Davidson. Motion carries.

Andrea Kappas made a motion to approve the Financial Reports and Claims Registers for May 2020, seconded by Jon Bond. Motion carries.

Barbara Davidson made a motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda, seconded by Jon Bond. Motion carries.

B. Unfinished Business

1. AJ's repairs. Paula Myers presented a bid for repairs to AJ's restroom from Errol Judy Construction for \$1,215.25.

Andrea Kappas made a motion to approve the bid from Errol Judy Construction for AJ's repairs totaling \$1,215.25, seconded by Melissa Brush. Motion carries.

2. Carriage House Sale. Pam Haines announced that the sale and transfer of the Carriage House at 304 Liberty St., Vevay, Indiana 47043 is complete.

C. New Business

1. A written request was submitted from Wendy Kessler, owner of AJ's, seeking financial relief of lease payments after mandatory closure due to the coronavirus. She requests payments for April, May, and June 2020 be added to the end of her current lease.

Jon Charles Smith made a motion to defer AJ's lease payments for April, May, and June 2020 to the end of the current lease, seconded by Stacy Streett. Motion carries.

2. Electronic Voting. The board agreed to accept the amended by-laws permitting members to attend meetings electronically, but no more than three times per calendar year. Electronic attendance would count the member as present and eligible to vote as part of the quorum.

Andrea Kappes made a motion to accept the amended by-laws permitting electronic attendance and voting, seconded by Melissa Brush. Motion carries.

3. Expected Income. Pam Haines reported that Belterra would be opening June 15th and we can expect to receive approximately two weeks' worth of Inn Keepers' tax.

Barbara Davidson made a motion to approve the 1st quarter 2020 billing in the amount of \$82,660.65 from Switzerland County Recreation, Tourism, and Convention Commission to Switzerland County Tourism, seconded by Mike Dean. Motion carries.

D. Public Comments

1. Jon Charles Smith provided handouts and literature from Madison, IN regarding the impact of coronavirus and the survival of tourism saving the local and historic community.

Andrea Kappas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon Bond. Motion carries.

SCRTCC, Secretary
Barbara Davidson

