

SWITZERLAND COUNTY TOURISM
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 2019

Meeting Information

These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of Switzerland County Tourism held Monday, June 17, 2019, at 6:00 PM at the Switzerland County TEC Building, Vevay, IN, 47043. The meeting was chaired by Sheri Works (President) and it was determined that a quorum was present. The following Members were present (in last name alphabetical order): Anita Danner, Rhonda Griffin, Pam Haines, Andrea Kappes. Stacey Street, Wendy Harrison, and Don Talbert was absent.

Others present include: Lacey Ekberg (Executive Director, SCT) and Paula Myers (CFO, SCT). Guests include: Cheryl Burress (President, Vevay Main Street), Stephanie Furnish, CPA

Actions of the Board

A. General Business

1. The meeting was called to order. A request was made by Sheri Works to approve the Consent Agenda. Anita Danner stated that the minutes from May 19, 2019 need to reflect that the spelling for Cheryl Burress needed corrected.

Rhonda Griffin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the minutes, seconded by Anita Danner, Motion carries.

C. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee:

a. Sheri Works reported that the WIFI has been turned on at Ogle Park for the season. Proposals from Eric Crabtree to use old WIFI equipment, adding 7 new transmitters, estimated at \$6600, will terminate Century Link contract and make WIFI fiber optic as compared to the current DSL. The VSC Foundation is willing to pay for installation only, with contribution up to 66%. SCT would be responsible for approx. \$2500 installation plus \$200 month for a minimum of 3 years. There is no vacation clause available and would be operational 12 months/year. Motion made by Rhonda Griffin for Sheri to approach Town of Vevay to pay the 1/3 of installation. SCT will donate the equipment and pay the monthly charges. Wine Festival Board will be asked to pay for electrical services and poles. 2nd Anita Danner. Motion passes.

2. Directors Report: See board packet. Paige Sawyer has resigned effective July 1, 2019. Christy Morgan has been hired to work 3 days a week. Lavender Ritchie will be training for marketing. Work schedule for ReVV Rally was passed out.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Building Update – See Directors Report. Flooding occurred week of June 3, 2019. Approx. 4 inches of water and mud flow. Chris Bolton was contacted, he reset the pumps and removed water. He said the pumps were overwhelmed with the amount of water coming from sidewalks. No further flooding yet.

2. \$85,000 loan to Wine Festival for ATMs. Motion made by Rhonda Griffin, 2nd Anita Danner. Motion passes.

3. Commission billing from tourism amounting to \$82,600 will need to transfer for 1st Quarter operations. Motion made by Anita Danner, 2nd Rhonda Griffin. Motion passes.

E. New Business:

1. Grant application of \$2500 from Strikers Bowling Alley to replace lanes. Motion to approve the grant made by Andrea Kappas. 2nd Rhonda Griffin. Motion passes.

F. Public Comments:

1. Cheryl Burress, new President of Vevay Main Street, discussed Downtown Business Development week in October, and asked for our participation. This event will be discussed at a later time with Cheryl.

Rhonda Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrea Kappas. Motion carries.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the SCT is Monday, July 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Switzerland County TEC Building, Vevay, IN 47043.

SCT Secretary
Barbara Davidson
Interim Lacey Ekberg