

CITY OF GROVE
CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Jim Corbridge, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Members present were Hitesh Patel, John Wells and Brad Wisdom. Amelia Chamberlain was absent. Also in attendance was Brent Malone, Executive Director and Debbie Bottoroff, Assistant City Manager.

Corbridge opened the floor for Public Comments. Donnie Crain, Grove Area Chamber of Commerce President, updated members on the following:

- ✓ Cherokee Queen River Boat begins running in May 2019
- ✓ Original (small) Cherokee Queen will be used as a museum and ticket office
- ✓ Girls Get-a-way Weekend October 5 – 7, 2018
 - 5-K Fundraiser
 - Brush Palette Paint Party
- ✓ CTB Billboard will be complete within the next two days
- ✓ Tulsa Diamond House in downtown Grove added an Art Gallery
- ✓ Potential interest in locating a BMX motor cross track in Grove Springs Park
- ✓ Potential tourist oriented retail considering locating in downtown Grove

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the approval of minutes of the August 30, 2018 special meeting. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Wells to approve the minutes as presented. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the monthly financial reports. Malone voiced his concerns about the finance report not reflecting the events that have taken place during specific months. Following further discussion, Wells made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve the monthly Financial Report. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to sponsoring rooms for the 2019 BFL and Bassmaster Open Series Fishing Tournaments. Malone advised both tournament groups re-arranged their schedule to come to Grove and Grand Lake in the fall. He advised the tournaments are a 'big deal' for the area. Bottoroff advised the sponsoring of the room nights would be reflected in the CTB 2019-2020 Budget.

Wells made a motion seconded by Wisdom to sponsor 45 room nights for the 2019 BFL Regional Fishing Tournament. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Wisdom made a motion seconded by Wells to sponsor 49 room nights for the 2019 Bassmaster Open Series Fishing Tournament. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the Post Event Report submitted by Grand Lake Festivals, Inc. for the Jana Jae Fiddle Camp held August 31, September 1 & 2, 2018. Members were in agreement that the Grand Lake Festivals, Inc. provides good documentation of their events plus realistic report on the numbers. Corbridge advised members Grand Lake Festivals, Inc. received a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the Jana Jae Fiddle Camp, and per policy, one-half of the funds were provided upon grant approval, and the second-half of the payment requires submitting a Post Event Report and a majority vote of the CTB members. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Corbridge to approve the second half of the grant to Grand Lake Festivals, Inc for the Jana Jae Fiddle Camp in the amount of \$750. 4 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Malone reported the CTB rack cards will be arriving this week and will be provided to the Miami Visitors Center for distribution.

He advised members he had visited with Tommy Thompson, Southern Drag Boat Association (SDBA) regarding locating a Drag Boat Museum in Grove. Thompson has an interest and advised Malone that SDBA would be able to provide all the memorabilia needed. Malone will continue the discussion.

Malone also advised members; Thompson was selling SDBA to one of the racers. Wells questioned if this would negatively affect the event, Malone advised the new owner is a hands-on guy and he expects the event to continue to improve. With the selling of SDBA, Thompson will be working closely with Lucas Oil; Thompson advised Malone he is 99% certain that Lucas Oil will participate in 2019 event with TV onsite.

Wells asked about the status of the ramp for the SDBA event. Malone advised Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) was working with the City on the ramp as well as a public swim beach.

Board Reports

No reports.

Adjourn

Wisdom made a motion seconded by Wells to adjourn. 4 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.