Minutes of the Columbia County Tourist Development Council regular meeting held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 12:00 p.m., Tourist Development Office / IFAS Training Room, 971 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055.

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm and he welcomed council members, staff, and guests to the meeting.

**<u>Roll Call</u>**: TDC members in attendance: Ron Williams, Tim Murphy, Robert Mann, Nick Patel, Nupur Shukla, Stephanie Smith, and Melinda Moses. Members absent were Chris Candler, and Mahendra Patel. <u>A guorum was present.</u>

Staff in attendance included Paula Vann, Cody Gray, Alden Rosner, and Michelle Moore.

Guests included; Clint Pittman (CCBOCC), Andrea Thomas (SFFCCSP), Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson (Rum 138), Jordan Perez (LC Chamber), Teena Peavey (SOSMP), Paulette Lord (HM), Faye Bowling Warren (Blue-Grey), Chrissy Miller (Columbia County Resources), Becky Hunt (Fairfield Inn), Robert Morey (Bienville Plantation), Vicki Bass (Party In The Pines), David Heringer (Infinity Con), Jim Tatum, Joe Brown, Chris Ratliff (LCR), and Stew Lilker (Observer).

## Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the March 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of the May 18, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.
   <u>A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Nupur Shukla to approve the minutes from March 21</u> and May 18 as presented. <u>The motion was approved.</u>

# Staff Reports

Operations Report:

- <u>Bed Tax & Smith Travel Reports</u> The Bed Tax Report was distributed. Paula Vann reported on the bed tax collections for May 2018. She also reported on the ADR and occupancy rate.
- Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed by the council members. <u>A motion was made by Melinda Moses, and</u> second by Tim Murphy, that states the Financial Report was received. <u>The motion was approved.</u>

## Marketing Report:

- <u>Website</u> Cody Gray went over the analytics for SpringsRUs.com.
- <u>#GetSocial</u> Cody Gray went over the progress with #GetSocial and all the social media accounts.
- <u>Advertisements</u> Cody Gray explained the current ad campaigns.

## Sports Marketing Update:

- <u>Sports Tourism Committee Update</u> Alden Rosner said he is waiting to hear back from the state on the technical assistance grant for the flat field feasibility study.
- <u>Tournament Calendar</u> Alden Rosner went over the tournament calendar.
- <u>Year-Over-Year Comparison</u> Alden Rosner explained the year over year comparison for the tournaments at Southside Sports Complex from the past few years.

## **Old Business**

<u>Small League State 2018 - \$730</u> – Paula Vann explained that Babe Ruth Ft. White made a grant request for \$730 in additional funds to be reimbursed for hotel stays for their umpires because the hotel prices were more expensive, and it cost them more than their original grant funding of \$2,500. <u>A motion was made</u> by Robert Mann, second by Nupur Shukla to approve the grant funding request for \$730 to reimburse Ft. White Babe Ruth for hotel stays. <u>The motion was approved.</u>

\*Nick Patel abstained from voting because some of the umpires did stay at one of his hotel properties.

#### New Business

<u>RC Track Presentation</u> – Paula Vann explained how the RC members were going to do a presentation but were unable to attend the meeting, so she went over how well the 2018 Roar Nationals did at the Southside RC Track and she talked about the three commercials that the TDC, Economic Development, and Chamber of Commerce partnered together to create for the 2018 Roar Nationals with Live RC.

<u>2019 TDC Budget</u> - Paula Vann went over the budget for 2019 and explained the changes she added to the budget. Paula answered questions as they were asked. <u>A motion was made by Nupur Shukla, second by</u> <u>Nick Patel to recognize the 2019 Budget as presented.</u> <u>The motion was approved.</u>

2019 Funding Requests for Historical Line Item Budgeted Events

#### 1. Lake City Museum -\$5,000

Paula Vann explained how the museum wanted to continue doing the match the same as they did last year, where they receive \$2,500 guaranteed and after the museum raises \$2,500 on their own, the TDC will match \$2,500. <u>A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by Nupur Shukla to approve</u> the Lake City Museum grant funding request for the first \$2,500 and then to match \$2,500 once the museum raises their own \$2,500. The motion was approved.

#### 2. Olustee - \$15,000

Paula Vann explained how the Blue-Grey Army is asking for an extra \$5,000 to do an economic impact study. Paula and Ron Williams discussed how they thought the TDC should handle doing the economic impact study, Faye Bowling Warren with Blue-Grey Army agreed. Robert Mann made a motion and had to rescind his motion.

<u>A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by Nupur Shukla to approve the Olustee grant funding</u> request for \$10,000 to Blue-Grey Army. <u>The motion was approved.</u>

A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by Nupur Shukla to approve \$5,000 grant funding for the TDC to conduct an economic impact study of the event. The motion was approved.

<u>Festivals and Events</u> - Paula Vann went over each of the following funding requests with the council members:

- Bienville Party in the Pines \$20,000 plus \$5,000 shuttles to/from hotels <u>A motion was made</u> by Nupur Shukla, second by Melinda Moses to approve \$10,000 grant funding for Party In The <u>Pines at Bienville Plantation</u>. The motion was approved. <u>A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Nupur Shukla to approve \$5,000 grant funding</u> for the TDC to sponsor shuttles to Party In The Pines. The motion was approved.
   \*Chairman Ron Williams and Co-Chairman Tim Murphy abstained from voting because they do business with Bienville Plantation.
- 2. Columbia County Resources \$5,000 <u>A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by Nupur Shukla</u> to approve the \$5,000 grant funding request for Columbia County Resources. <u>The motion was</u> approved.

\*Co-Chairman Tim Murphy abstained from voting because he is an active board member with Columbia County Resources.

- Florida High School Rodeo Association \$5,000 <u>A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by</u> <u>Robert Mann to approve the \$5,000 grant funding request for the Florida High School Rodeo</u> <u>Association.</u> <u>The motion was approved.</u>
   \*Co-Chairman Tim Murphy abstained from voting because he is an active board member with Columbia County Resources which operates the rodeo arena.
- Chamber of Commerce Gateway City Craft Beer and Wine Festival \$2,000 <u>A motion was</u> made by Melinda Moses, second by Nick Patel to approve the \$2,000 grant funding request for <u>Gateway City Craft Beer and Wine Festival</u>. <u>The motion was approved</u>.
- Lunar 11 Infinity Con \$2,000 <u>A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Nick Patel to approve the \$1,000 grant funding request for Infinity Con once hotel and marketing data has been provided.</u> <u>The motion was approved.</u>
   \*Co-Chairman Tim Murphy abstained from voting because he is an active board member with Columbia County Resources where Infinity Con held an event.
- Spirit of the Suwannee Suwannee River Jam \$3,500 A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Nupur Shukla to approve the \$3,500 grant funding request for the Suwannee River Jam. The motion was approved.
- 7. Spirit of the Suwannee Wanee shuttles to/from hotels \$5,000. <u>A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Tim Murphy to approve the \$5,000 grant funding request for shuttles to Wanee at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. The motion was approved.</u>
- Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park Folk Festival \$2,500 A motion was made by Melinda Moses, second by Robert Mann to approve the \$2,500 grant funding request for Stephen Foster Folk Festival. The motion was approved.

Sporting Events - Paula Vann went over each grant request for the following sporting events:

- Ft White Babe Ruth Baseball \$2,500 <u>A motion was made by Nupur Shukla, second by Melinda</u> <u>Moses to approve the Ft White Babe Ruth Baseball request for \$2,500.</u> <u>The motion was</u> <u>approved.</u>
- Lake City Columbia County Youth Baseball LCCCYB Summer Tournaments \$10,000
   <u>A motion was made by Nupur Shukla, second by Melinda Moses to approve the Lake City</u>
   <u>Columbia County Youth Baseball request for \$10,000. The motion was approved.</u>
- 3. Richardson Community Center Annual Goodwill Games Basketball Tournament \$1,500 Paula Vann suggested doing \$5.00 per participant and submitting a roster. <u>A motion was made by Nick Patel, second by Nupur Shukla to approve the grant request of \$5.00 per participant after submitting the roster from the tournament. The motion was approved.</u>
- Richardson Community Center Winter Blast Pickleball Tournament \$2,500 <u>A motion was</u> made by Nupur Shukla, second by Robert Mann to approve the grant request for \$2,500. The motion was approved.

<u>Adjournment:</u> There being no additional business to come before the TDC at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm. The next TDC meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

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HAILING ADDRESS 440 NW Wienfield St. COUNTY	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCURRED July 18, 2018	MY POSITION IS:	

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