

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
August 20, 2020
Council Chambers 12:00 pm

Members present were: Shane Smith, Kevin Evans, Greg Coutu, Alex Butterbaugh

Guest present were: Jacob Gantt

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Ken Sloan, Visit Oconee Director & Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Call to Order

Shane Smith called the meeting to order at **12:15 pm**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept amended minutes of May 7, 2020, by **Kevin Evans**
seconded by **Greg Coutu** Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **August 20, 2020**,
Local ATAX is **\$260,589.93** and State ATAX is **\$10,416.54**.

Presentation of Grants

1. Museum of the Cherokee in SC – research room - \$8,087.79
2. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
3. Walhalla Oktoberfest – advertising the 42nd annual Oktoberfest - \$7,000.00
4. Main Street Walhalla – marketing campaign - \$9,210.00
5. The Foothills Farmstead – partially purchase three (3) storage containers - \$2,300.00
6. City of Seneca – advertising 11th annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$10,000.00
7. Devil's Fork State Park – improve picnic table pads - \$8,658.93

Grant Requests Review

- Upon review of grant it was determined **Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina**, is eligible for **\$5,941.94** for **research room**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association**, is eligible for **\$10,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Walhalla Oktoberfest**, is eligible for **\$7,000.00** for **advertising the 42nd annual Oktoberfest**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **City of Walhalla**, is eligible for **\$7,255.00** for **a marketing campaign**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **The Foothills Farmstead**, is eligible for **\$2,300.00** for **three (3) storage containers**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **City of Seneca**, is eligible for **\$10,000.00** for **advertising the 11th annual Half Marathon & 5K**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Devil's Fork State Park**, is eligible for **\$7,793.00** for **improvements to picnic table pads**.

Action Items

1. Oconee PRT - Jocassee/Keowee Visitor Center Signage-not to exceed \$4,000
2. Oconee PRT - High Falls bath house renovations-not to exceed \$9,000
3. Oconee PRT - South Cove bath house renovations-not to exceed \$10,000
4. Oconee PRT - South Cove-electricity ran to the fishing pier parking area-not to exceed \$6,000
5. Oconee PRT - Mobile Radar Speed device-not to exceed \$4,000

Action Items

- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for not to exceed \$4,000.00 for Jocassee/Keowee Visitor Center signage. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Greg Coutu and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for not to exceed \$9,000.00 for High Falls maintenance building's roof. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for not to exceed \$10,000.00 for South Cove bathhouse renovations. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for not to exceed \$6,000.00 for electricity to the South Cove fishing pier. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for not to exceed \$4,000.00 for mobile radar speed device. Vote was unanimously carried.

PRT Update

Next PRT Commission meeting will be August 27, 2020, in County Council Chambers at 12:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism