

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
August 19, 2021
Council Chambers 12:00 pm

Members present were: Shane Smith, Riley Johnson, Greg Coutu, Shawn Johnson & Kevin Evans

Guest present were: Luther Lyle, Stanley Gibson, Curtis Brock, & Leslie Hagerty

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director & Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Call to Order

Shane Smith called the meeting to order at **12:00 pm**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **May 20, 2021**, by **Kevin Evans**
seconded by **Shawn Johnson** Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **August 19, 2021**,
Local ATAX is **\$403,405.36** and State ATAX is **\$184,160.06**.

Presentation of Grants

1. City of Seneca – advertising 12th annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$10,000.00
2. Devils Fork State Park –RV site tent impact pad restoration- \$7,775.19
3. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
4. The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center – FARM center sign - \$10,000.00
5. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising 2021-2022 season
6. Museum of the Cherokee in SC – reenact a Kituwah (Pow-Wow) on Earth Day 2022 - \$3,500.00
7. Gateway Arts Council – advertising exhibits, art programs & Westminster mural project - \$2,500.00
8. Oconee History Museum – create & promote an app-based historic walking tour of Walhalla - \$8,050.00
9. Main Street Walhalla – organize & implement “Walhalla Wonderland” – events in December - \$6,170.00
10. The Foothills Farmstead – wiring electricity to main farmhouse - \$2,800.00

Grant Requests Review

- 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 **Devils Fork State Park**, is eligible for **\$6,609.00** for **improvements to RV site tent impact pad restoration**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association**, is eligible for **\$15,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **The Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center**, is eligible for **\$9,920.00** for **FARM Center sign**.

- Upon review of grant it was determined Walhalla Performing Arts Center, is eligible for \$16,000.00 for advertising the 2021-2022 season & new sound/light equipment.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina, is eligible for \$3,738.00 for reenactment of a Kituwah.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Gateway Arts Council, is eligible for \$2,500.00 for advertising exhibits, art programs & the Westminster mural project.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee History Museum, is eligible for \$4,322.00 for creating & promoting an app-based walking tour.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Main Street Walhalla, is eligible for \$6,170.00 for organizing & implementing “Walhalla Wonderland” events in December 2021.
- Upon review of grant it was determined The Foothills Farmstead, is eligible for \$2,800.00 for wiring electricity to main farmhouse.

Action Items

1. Oconee PRT – park programming – up to \$20,000.00
2. Oconee PRT – BFL Fishing Tournament - \$2,000.00
3. Oconee PRT – South Cove seal coating - \$21,025.00
4. Oconee PRT – South Cove Recreation Building – up to \$75,000.00 (managing in house over the next year)
5. Wayfinding signage – up to \$7,500.00 (Blue Ridge Arts Center, Chattooga River Visitor Center)

Vote on Action Items

- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT up to \$20,000.00 for park programming.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Greg Coutu and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$2,000.00 for BFL fishing tournament.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$21,025.00 for South Cove seal coating.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$75,000.00 for South Cove Recreation Building.
Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT up to \$7,500.00 for wayfinding signage.
Vote was unanimously carried.

PRT Update

1. Projects Update

- a. Seneca Creek
- b. Chau Ram Boardwalk
- c. Courtesy docks – High Falls/South Cove
- d. South Cove RV dump station
- e. Mural Promotion Project

Next PRT Commission meeting will be August 26, 2021, in County Council Chambers at 12:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Kevin Evans made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism