

FINAL MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
November 17, 2021  
County Council Chambers  
12:00 PM

**Members present were:** Shane Smith, Kevin Evans, Alex Butterbaugh, Greg Coutu,  
Shawn Johnson & Trey Barnett

**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 12:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of August 26, 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 November 1, 2021,  
Local ATAX is \$534,616.67 and State ATAX is \$184,160.06.

**Action Items**

1. Oconee PRT – 2022 Interns – up to \$15,000 (One intern at each park)
2. Oconee PRT – Hartwell Boat Ramp - up to \$27,000 annually for operational, maintenance and seasonal staff.
3. Oconee PRT - seasonal staff - \$20,000
4. Oconee PRT – South Cove Recreation Building upgrades - \$75,000.00
5. Waterfall Brochure reprint - \$4,500.00
6. Oconee PRT – Marketing collateral - \$6,000.00
7. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – Emergency request - \$25,000.00

**Vote on Action Items**

- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried,  
the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant  
for up to \$15,000.00 for 2022 interns.  
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  
for up to \$27,000.00 for Hartwell Boat Ramps operational, maintenance &  
seasonal staff.  
Vote was unanimously carried
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Trey Barnett and carried,  
the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant  
for \$20,000.00 for High Falls Park's seasonal staff.  
Vote was unanimously carried
- Upon a motion by Greg Coutu, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried,  
the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant  
for \$75,000.00 for South Cove Recreation Building upgrades.  
Vote was unanimously carried

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Trey Barnett and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant for \$4,500.00 for waterfall brochure reprint.  
Vote was unanimously carried
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant for \$6,000.00 for marketing collateral.  
Vote was unanimously carried

Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$25,000.00 for funding to assist with future bookings due to shortfall revenues related to mandated closures during the pandemic.  
Vote was unanimously carried

**PRT Update:**

1. Year to Date Snapshot
2. Projects Update

**Upcoming Events for 2021-2022**

December 6-8	SCRPA State Conference (Greenville)
Jan 22, 2022	Palmetto Boat Center Fishing (South Cove)
Jan 29	Skeeter Bass Challenge (South Cove) -
Feb 5	Palmetto Boat High School (South Cove)
Feb 7-9	SC Governor's Conference on Tourism (Greenville)
Feb 26	Fishers of Men (South Cove)
Mar 19	BFL Tournament (South Cove)
May 6-7	Race to Valhalla Gravel Cycling
May 21	Rally in the Valley Cycling

**2022 PRT Commission Meeting Schedule**

**Proposed Schedule:**

February 24, 2022	County Council Chambers (review of grants)
March 3, 2022	County Council Chambers (grants to council on 3.15.22)
May 5, 2022	County Council Chambers
August 18, 2022	County Council Chambers (review of grants)
August 25, 2022	County Council Chambers (grants to council on 9.06.22)
November 17, 2022	County Council Chambers

**All PRT Commission meetings begin at Noon and held in County Council Chambers.**

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Kevin Evans made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Phil Shirley  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism