

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
February 24, 2022
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members present were: Greg Coutu, Riley Johnson, Alex Butterbaugh, Shawn Johnson

Guests present were: Crystal Romanyszyn

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

Call to Order

Greg Coutu called the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **November 17, 2021**, by **Greg Coutu**, seconded by **Shawn Johnson**. Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **February 24, 2022**, Local ATAX is **\$560,280.00** and State ATAX is **\$320,106.22**.

Presentation of Grants

1. Lake Hartwell Country – advertising - \$15,000.00
2. South Carolina Apple Festival (60th) – advertising - \$10,000.00
3. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
4. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – promotion of UHQT & interpretive signage - \$3,399.00
5. Oconee Military Museum – window replacement - \$7,470.00
6. Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum – advertising Juneteenth Festival - \$15,000.00
7. Main Street Walhalla – light pole banners - \$7,000.00
8. Rock the Ranch – advertising - \$5,000.00
9. City of Walhalla – purchase a visitor's shuttle - \$9,500.00
10. Oconee County Chamber of Commerce – employee funding for Visitor Information Center in Westminster - \$20,000.00
11. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising the 2022 season - \$12,000.00

Grant Requests Review

- Upon review of grant it was determined **Lake Hartwell Country**, is eligible for **\$15,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **SC Apple Festival**, is eligible for **\$7,383.00** for **advertising**.
- 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 **Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail**, is eligible for **\$3,399.00** for **promotion of the trail & interpretive signage**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Oconee Military Museum**, is eligible for **\$6,150.00** for **window replacement**.

- Upon review of grant it was determined Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum, is eligible for \$14,505.00 for advertising Juneteenth Festival .
- Upon review of grant it was determined Main Street Walhalla , is eligible for \$4,200.00 for new light pole banners .
- Upon review of grant it was determined Rock the Ranch , is eligible for \$3,240.00 for advertising .
- Upon review of grant it was determined City of Walhalla , is eligible for \$6,000.00 for transportation shuttle .
- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, is eligible for \$20,000.00 for employee funding for Visitor Information Center in Westminster .
- Upon review of grant it was determined Walhalla Performing Arts Center , is eligible for \$12,000.00 for advertising the 2021-2022 season .

PRT Action Items:

- Oconee PRT - \$75,000.00 – South Cove Recreation Building Renovation
- Oconee PRT - \$7,500.00 – High Falls blower attachment
- Oconee PRT - \$15,000.00 – Historic Preservation
- Oconee PRT - \$5,000.00 – Race to Valhalla Gravel Cycling

PRT Action Item

- 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 for \$75,000.00 for South Cove Recreation Building Renovation.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shawn Johnson , seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$7,500.00 for High Falls blower attachment.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbough , seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for \$15,000.00 for historic preservation.
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 for \$5,000.00 for Race to Valhalla gravel cycling.
Vote was unanimously carried.

Next PRT commission meeting will be March 3, 2022, at County Council Chambers beginning at 12:00.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, **Alex Butterbaugh**, so moved to adjourn at **12:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism