

FINAL MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
August 25, 2022
County Council Chambers 12:00 pm

Members present were: Shawn Johnson, Riley Johnson, Kevin Cope, Alex Butterbaugh, Trey Barnett, Kevin Evans & Shane Smith

Guests present were: Lauren Pierce

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

Call to Order

Shawn Johnson called the meeting to order at **12:00 pm**.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **August 18, 2022**, by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Riley Johnson**. Vote was unanimously carried.

Presentation of Grants

1. City of Seneca – advertising 13th annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$15,000.00
2. Devil’s Fork State Park – standard site impact pad restoration- \$20,234.81
3. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$20,000.00
4. Downtown Seneca Merchants Association – advertising - \$1,065.00
5. Eagles Nest Art Center – advertising - \$2,000.00
6. Lake Hartwell Country – advertising - \$10,000.00
7. Main Street Walhalla – organize & implement “Walhalla Wonderland” (events in December 2022) - \$9,000.00
8. Oconee County Chamber of Commerce - staffing for Visitor Information Center \$15,000.00
9. The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center – installation of safety lighting - \$10,000.00
10. The Foothills Farmstead – rebuild three (3) chimneys of farmhouse - \$4,500.00
11. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – promotion of UHQT (rack cards & website) & interpretive signage - \$2,023.00
12. Walhalla Oktoberfest – advertising - \$7,000.00
13. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising fall & winter 2022 season - \$10,000.00

Vote on Grants

- Upon a motion by **Shawn Johnson**, seconded by **Shane Smith** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **City of Seneca** for **\$7,500.00** for **advertising**. Vote was unanimously carried. **Riley Johnson abstained from voting.**

- Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Shawn Johnson** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Devils Fork State Park** for **\$6,000.00** for **standard site impact pad restoration.** Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$7,000.00 for advertising. 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 Downtown Seneca Merchants Association for \$1,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. Riley Johnson, Kevin Cope, & Alex Butterbaugh abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Trey Barnett and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Eagles Nest Art Center for \$1,000.00 for advertising. 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 to Lake Hartwell Country for \$4,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Main Street Walhalla for \$3,000.00 for organizing & implementing “Walhalla Wonderland”. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee County Chamber of Commerce for \$10,000.00 for staffing Visitor Information Center. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center for \$4,000.00 for installation of safety lighting. 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 The Foothills Farmstead for \$2,200.00 for rebuilding three (3) chimneys. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail for \$1,500.00 for promotion of UHQT & interpretive signage. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Oktoberfest for \$6,000.00 for advertising. 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 to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$7,000.00 for advertising the 2022 fall & winter season. Vote was unanimously carried.

Next meeting is December 1, 2022, in Council Chambers beginning at 12:00.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Shawn Johnson made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism