



Franklin County Tourism Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2013

Call to Order

Robert Sykes, TDA Chairperson, called the meeting of the Franklin County Tourism Development Authority to order at 5:10 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. He welcomed the board members and visitors to the meeting.

TDA Grant Presentations (Time Limit – 10 minutes):

3 Punkins, Inc.

Russell Vollmer presented a grant proposal for funds to renovate the Jumping Pillow and the Back Forty area of Vollmer Farm. He also shared information regarding the organic produce at the farm. Robert Sykes explained that this proposal was for capital improvements and that the TDA Funds were to be earmarked for marketing tourism events.

Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival 2013 September 14-November 10, 2013

There was no representative from Hill Ridge Farm to present the grant proposal.

Tar River Center for History and Culture @ Louisburg College – Civil War Trail Marker

Maury York, Director, presented the TDA Grant Proposal to erect a Civil War Trail Marker at Louisburg College. Louisburg Mayor W. H. Pleasants met General Sherman in Raleigh to surrender the Town of Louisburg. General William T. Sherman and his Union Army camped on the Louisburg College grounds in 1865. The North Carolina Civil War Trail System is in collaboration with Maryland, Virginia, and Tennessee Civil War Trail Sites. Louisburg College will provide a match for the grant with \$1,000.00.

Quilt Trails of the Tar River

There was no representative to present the grant proposal.

TDA Grant Approval

TDA Board members discussed each of the grant proposals. Approval of the grants was postponed to be considered at the September 16, 2013 meeting since there was not a quorum of TDA Board members present to transact business.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sykes, Chairman

Fannie W. Brown, TDA Liaison/Recorder

Persons attending the meeting: Cedric K. Jones, Sr., TDA Board, Mamie J. Jones, TDA Board, Bob Sykes, TDA Board Chairman, Maury York, Louisburg College, Dr. Mark LaBranche, Louisburg College, Russell Vollmer and Vanessa, Vollmer Farm, Jeff Thomas and Don Mitchell, Norris Creek, and Fannie Brown, TDA Liaison.

The next TDA Grant deadline is August 31, 2013

The next TDA Meeting will be on Monday, Monday September 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.