

Lander County Convention and Tourism Authority met in regular session in the Community Meeting Room of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada on April 18, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Rich Ripley, Chairman
Mitsell Lanham, Vice Chair-telephone
Kathy Ancho, Commissioner
Paula Tomera, Executive Director
Rebecca Murphy, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ripley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Ripley.

Let the record reflect three board members present for meeting. Mr. Moreno and Ms Peterson absent. Ms Lanham on telephone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms Ancho moved to approve the agenda notice as posted, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms Ancho moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023 meeting, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS-Agenda recommendations for next meeting.

Nothing at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were no bills for payment.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

The cash balances in the funds Austin#45 and Battle Mountain #46.

There were no cash balances for the meeting.

Ms Tomera told the board that at this time our budgets are good, everything looks good.

She also said she had spoken with Carrie Gransberry with the State. She told me to send in our budget for the coming year. We can approve tentative at our May meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT-For non-agendized items only

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms Tomera reported we should be receiving a grant from T-Mobile for additions to the Lemaire Building in the amount of \$50,000. I also spoke with Senator Amodei, he told me I could talk with Ken and he would help with grants.

Pete Dubae will give us an estimate on the Lemaire Building and the roof.

Ms Tomera said she had been to the Rural Roundup and it was a great conference. Talked with a lot of people. We have ideas which include doing a color book.

I am working on grants for all of our events, also on billboards.

1) Discussion for possible action regarding delinquent room tax reports and penalty invoices and other matters properly relating thereto.

Ms Murphy reported that we received room tax and late fees from Quintero MH Park. We are still waiting on the Cozy Motel.

2) Discussion for possible action regarding a grant request from the Austin Chamber of Commerce and other matters properly relating thereto.

Miranda Tremayne with the Austin Chamber of Commerce was present for the meeting. She was asking for a grant request in the amount of \$2,835. She told the board she had applied for a grant from Travel Nevada. This would help with the web site. This was for FY 2022-23. After some discussion Ms Ancho made a motion to approve the grant request.

Ms Ancho made a motion to grant the request in the amount of \$2,835 to the Austin Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

3) Discussion for possible action regarding a presentation from St. Augustine's Cultural Center and other matters properly relating thereto.

Miranda Tremayne, a board member of the St. Augustine's Cultural Center was present for the meeting. She told the board that her board with St. Augustine's Cultural Center would like the LCCTA to take over the Cultural Center. There are grants available for the building, and can be run as you want to. We want it to be taken care of.

Linda Seymore also with the Cultural Center was on the phone and gave a history of the building. She said it is the oldest Catholic Church in Nevada. The organ in the building is the only one in the United States. It was taken to Philadelphia to be restored and then brought back to the center. We have two people that come from Reno to take care of it. The bricks used to make the building were made in Austin. The first service that was held in the building was in December of 1866. Everything in the building has been restored. It is listed on the Nevada Historical Society and also on the Nations Historical Society.

Mr. Ripley said it all sounds great, I just don't have enough knowledge about it. I think our board needs to have more discussion.

The item will be tabled until next meeting.

4) Discussion for possible action regarding the Tentative Budget for FY 23-24 Budget and other matters properly relating thereto.

At this time there is no discussion, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business Mr. Ripley adjourned the meeting.

Chairman of the Lander County Convention &
Tourism Authority

Attest:

Lander County Convention &
Tourism Authority Secretary