

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 February 21, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Rich Ripley, Chairman
Mitchell Lanham, Vice Chair-telephone
Kathy Ancho, Commissioner-telephone
Shar Peterson, Board Member
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 four board members present for meeting. Mr. Moreno absent. Ms Ancho and Ms Lanham on telephone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms Ancho moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 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

Ms Tomera presented bills for payment.

1. Paula Tomera in the amount of \$64.08.
2. Paula Tomera in the amount of \$392.57.

Ms Ancho made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$456.65, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

The cash balances in the funds Austin#45 \$372,583.23 and Battle Mountain #46 \$1,080,902.08.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Tomera presented a letter to the board from EPA. They will be here in March to do their assessment of the Lemaire Store and the lot next door.

PUBLIC COMMENT-For non-agendized items only

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms Tomera reported that she had been to the legislature in Carson City and attended the Tourism Day. The Territory Chairman was introduced at the event. There were all kinds of booths. I met with a group who has tour bus business. They do tours to all the museums. They have three buses and plan on doing a tour this summer.

We have issues with our land with the BLM. We cannot use the Porter Group anymore. Ms Ancho says she has reached out to Jon Sherve with BLM, has not hear back but will reach out again.

1) Discuss & approve/disapprove Room Tax Reports for:

A. November 2022

Ms Ancho made a motion to approve the room tax report for November 2022, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

2) Discuss & approve/disapprove Room Tax Reports for:

A. December 2022

Mr. Ripley tabled this item till next meeting.

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

We did receive the late fees from the Royal Inn. We will send a letter to the Cozy Mountain for late fees for the months of December 2022 and January 2023.

4) Discussion for possible action regarding a grant request from Battle Mountain Little League for the amount of \$5,000 to host a State Tournament in Battle Mountain and other matters properly relating thereto.

Ms Tomera told the board that the BMLL will be hosting a State Tournament in Battle Mountain this summer. They have asked for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to help with the tournament. Reid Defreese, President of the Little League in Battle Mountain told the board they estimate about 17 teams to participate in the tournament. It will be held in July, 6th thru the 9th. Ms Tomera told Mr. Defreese that she will let him know about the RV Parks in town, where the people from out of town can stay.

Ms Ancho made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$5,000 for Battle Mountain Little League to help host the state tournament, seconded by Ms Lanham. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

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

Ms Tomera told the board she was asked by Laken in the finance department if she could get the information on salaries and wages for budget purposes. The board told Ms Tomera to put in 10% at this time, it can always be changed later.

Ms Tomera said she was not sure what to do about the money received for the Lemaire Store. We do not have a budget line for that money. I have spoken with Pete Dubae, I will be putting money in a line item for him under Professional Services. A starting time for starting on the building is January 2024.

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