

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 January 17, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Rich Ripley, Chairman
Kathy Ancho, Commissioner
Shar Peterson, Board Member
Manny Moreno, 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. Ms Lanham absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms Peterson moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Moreno. 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 at this time.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

Cash balances were not available for meeting.

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

Ms Tomera told the board that at this time both budgets for Battle Mountain and Austin look good.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT-For non-agendized items only

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms Tomera reported at the LEDA meeting they discussed a company named Battle Mountain Hydrogen LLC. Mr. Sheldon Mudd has been working with the company for a couple years. They are wanting to use the potable water from the county. At their plant they would extract hydrogen from the water. They will be going to commission meeting to meet with commissioners. They are pretty excited about project. Still working on environmental study, should know something by end of January maybe February. We should know what has to be done by end of 2023 and we can start project by 2024.

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

A. November 2022

Mr. Ripley tabled this item till next meeting. November report was not complete.

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

We are still waiting for late fees from Royal Inn. Second notice has been sent.

3) Discussion for possible action regarding a proposed letter of corrective action to the Department of Taxation for FY 21-22 Audit and other matters properly relating thereto.

Ms Tomera said she received a letter from Kerry Gransberry who is with the Department of Taxation on corrective action on the FY 21-22 Audit. We placed \$100,000 in Capital Project which was the wrong line item. Our auditor did not catch this and the state did not catch it either. We could have done an augmentation but it is now too late.

Ms Tomera told the board she felt we should try to get Melinda back to do our audits or go out for a different firm.

Ms Ancho made a motion to have a corrective action plan for FY 21-22 Audit done, seconded by Ms Peterson. The motion was voted and carried unanimously.

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

Ms Tomera told the board we have a grant request from the Battle Mountain Little League for a tournament to be held in Battle Mountain this summer. Not sure of the amount right now. Mr. Ripley thinks we should do something for the Wildlife in our area. We can have a wildlife fund line item in our budget. Water is a big problem right now. We have water allotments but they are very small. Most of the water is privately owned. We need projects that we can see an end to.

Ms Tomera said we have a visitors guide that needs to be redone. We will not need as much money this year for our Chukar Tournament, last year was our 20th year so we spent a bit more than usual. I would like to have a professional services line put into our budget.

Mr. William Schaffer, Lander County District Attorney was at the meeting. He was asked to attend. He told the board was quite sure at this point what was going on, but would try to catch up and help in anyway that he could.

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