

Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Galena Country Tourism
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena IL 61036

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

Roll Call: Stewart Stofferegan, Betsy Rose Achett, Zeke Winders, Christina Eisbach, Lindsay Scharpf, Colin Sanderson, Terry Mattson. Absent: Merri Sevey, Jack Deiter, Steve McIntryre

Staff Present: Kirsten Bell, Lori Kinnaman, Ekatarina Roberts, Tom Rynott

Citizen Comments – None

Presentation – Terry Miller – Medal of Honor/ Generals' Sculptures

- Terry Miller introduced the artist, David Seagraves. Miller gave a brief overview of Seagraves works. Also introduced was Bob Buman, Grant Impersonator, Buman gave a brief overview of the civil war generals. Miller told the board that he is asking for money for Seagraves to make a bust for each of the Civil War Generals. The project would cost \$140,000 to complete. He is asking for \$70,000 from Galena Country Tourism and a match from The Galena Foundation. The board thanked Miller, Seagraves and Buman for their presentation. No board discussion.

Consent Agenda

- a) Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

Motion Moved - Winders motions to approve, Achett seconded, no discussion, Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Passed

Independent Auditors Report

- Scott Roberts, O'Connor, and Brooks was not available to give the report for this meeting.

Motion Moved – Achett moved to authorize the Finance Committee to provide formal approval of the financial year 2023 after the independent auditor's presentation during the next Financial Meeting to be held in the next two weeks. Winders seconded, no discussion, Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Passed

Monthly Financial Report

- Terry Mattson gave an overview of the financial statements as of January 25th, 2024. Mattson stated that he would like to engage more people when putting the budgets together with more transparency, staff included. Mattson reviewed the financial summary and explained to the board why a column for the financial forecast was beneficial. Sanderson stated that the organization has a very healthy balance, and the board focuses on not spending frivolously.

Old Business

- a) Open board seats – Retail and City of Galena – Mattson gave a brief overview of the nominations process. He stated that it should be ready to be voted on at the next meeting. No board discussion. No motion made.

CEO/Staff Updates

- a) Terry Mattson made a presentation to the board. Mattson expressed his thanks, talked about his impressions, some of the challenges and accomplishments from the first 100 days of being in Galena. He is still defining priorities and goals and identifying the needs for change and building on what has been done. He is a believer in empowering staff to freely contribute ideas. He spoke of the master plan and external collaborations and operational enhancements.
- b) Staff Updates – Tom Rynott gave an update in his communications report. Kinnaman invited the board to attend the NWIL ED annual dinner.

New Business – None

Adjourn – Achett motions to adjourn, Stofferegan seconded, Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

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