

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Galena Country Tourism
Tue., May 31, 2022, 3 p.m.

DIGITALCONFERENCE

- I. Call to order - 3:05pm
- II. Roll call - Raechelle Ahmed, Colin Sanderson, Merri Sevey, Rose Noble. Absent; Nikki Rhodes
- III. Citizen Comments - none
- IV. Old Business/Director concerns - none
- V. New business
 - a. April financials - The committee reviewed the April financials. There was discussion on the Millennium Marina vacation rentals (boat houses) that are not paying tax. Noble updated the committee, letting them know she reached out to the County and City of East Dubuque, both said they are unable to collect tax due to their presence on the water. The committee advised Noble to reach out to the owner to inform her she needs to submit County tax (5% fee onto overnights) in order to still be featured on the VisitGalena.org website. Noble agreed and will deactivate the listings until the matter is resolved, which will require Millennium Marina to pay into local taxes before receiving promotions for the boat house rentals. All other aspects of this business (restaurant, kayak rentals) will still be promoted as long as taxes are being submitted.

The committee discussed the County tax collection for the month of March 2022. The collection is \$20,000 less than the previous year. The City of Galena is reporting more tax in March 2022 than the previous year. The committee would like to know the reasoning behind this but understands they are not receiving adequate reporting from the County to decipher what the decrease can be from. The committee agrees to have Board Chair Sanderson reach out to County Administrator to discuss reporting. This is after multiple attempts on Noble's behalf to try and set up a meeting with the Administrator. The committee is not happy with the County's reporting and collection process and would like for the County to research other options in doing so.
- VI. Adjourn - With no further discussion, meeting adjourns at 3:32pm