

**Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
D/B/A South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority  
Minutes of August 19, 2021**

Board of Directors of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Met in a **REGULAR MEETING**  
Marquette Park Pavilion  
1 North Grand Ave. Gary, IN 46403  
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM (CST)

PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS AND  
STANDING RULES

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. REPORTS**

**A. Roll Call**

Chairman Andy Qunell called the July 15, 2021, meeting of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau to order at 12:00 P.M. (CST). Secretary, Chareice White called the roll.

The roll call was as follows:

**Board Members Present:** Taryl Bonds, Christine Cash, Tom Dabertin, Peter Kilderis, Fred Koegel, Matt Maloney, Andy Qunell, Pete Schroeder, Matthew Schuffert, Larry Tucker, Terry Velligan, and Chareice White.

**Board Members Absent:** Brent Brashier, Sal Espino, Bernie Grisolia, Nikki Lopez, Darnail Lyles, Patrick Reardon, and Douglas Spencer.

**Staff Present:** Interim President/CEO & CFO Cathy Svetanoff, Chief Marketing Officer Heather Becerra, Chief Administrative Officer Rik Brankle-Piszczek, Director of Art Design Andrea Rivera, Manager of Accounting Megan Grezovski, and Manager of Sports Development Megan Goodan.

**Also Present:** Attorney Scott McClure, Parliamentarian Andrew Kyres

**B. Pledge Of Allegiance**

The Pledge Of Allegiance was recited.

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**C. Review of Agenda**

Treasurer, Matthew Maloney asked for a motion to take the agenda out of order and move Agenda Item IV. A & B Presentations: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary & Lorelei Weimer, Executive Director, Indiana Dunes Tourism & NITDC to this part of the agenda.

Hearing no further questions, Treasurer Matthew Maloney moved to approve the motion as submitted. Member Matthew Schuffert seconded the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

B. Lorelei Weimer, Executive Director, Indiana Dunes Tourism & NITDC

**III. REPORTS (Cont.)**

**A. Staff Reports**

Cathy Svetanoff, Interim President/CEO & CFO

Heather Becerra, Chief Marketing Officer

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2021**

Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the May 20, 2021 regular meeting. Treasurer, Matthew Maloney, made a motion to approve those minutes. Member, Matthew Schuffert, seconded the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote of Yes 12- No 0- Abstain 0- Absent 7.

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|                       | YES | NO  | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Taryl Bonds           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Brent Brashier        | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Christine Cash        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Tom Dabertin          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Sal Espino            | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Bernie Grisolia       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Peter Kilderis        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Fred Koegel           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Nikki Lopez           | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Darnail Lyles         | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Matt Maloney          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Patrick Reardon       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Pete Schroeder        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Matthew Schuffert     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Larry Tucker          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Terry Velligan        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Chareice White        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |

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**B. Conflict of Interest Forms- Board Member and Appointment Authority Completion**

Chairman Andy Qunell, informed all members present that these forms need to be completed. Interim President/CEO & CFO Cathy Svetanoff urged to members to fill them out quickly so forms can be submitted to the Lake County Government as required. Attorney Scott McClure indicated that he was available to assist with questions regarding the forms as well as reviewing the completed forms for accuracy.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Addition of New Items to the Agenda**

1. Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to add a 2021 Tourism Jumpstart Grant application from the City of Gary for approval. A motion was made by Member Tom Dabertin to add the City of Gary grant application to agenda item E1. Tourism Jumpstart Grant applications being considered (incorrectly referred as Tourism Promotion Grant on agenda). Member Terry Velligan seconded the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

2. Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to direct Interim President/CEO & CFO Cathy Svetanoff to create an updated salary resolution to be presented at the next board meeting. Motion was made by Member Matthew Schuffert and seconded by Member, Tom Dabertin.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Executive Session Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2021**

Member Taryl Bonds, motioned to approve the executive session meeting minutes from July 15, 2021. Member Terry Velligan, seconded that motion.

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Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**2. Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2021**

Chairman Andy Qunell, requested a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 15, 2021. Member Christine Cash, indicated that she would like a correction to those minutes.

Member Christine Cash stated that she abstained from voting to select Cathy Svetanoff as the Interim President/CEO & CFO and then departed following the vote. The minutes will be corrected to reflect this information.

Chairman Andy Qunell asked to make that correction. Member Tom Dabertin motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 15, 2021 subject to the change indicated by Member Christine Cash. Motion was seconded by Member Christine Cash.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**3. Special Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2021**

Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 6, 2021. Member Matthew Schuffert, motioned to approve. Member Terry Velligan seconded that motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**C. Finance Report**

Chairman Qunell sought approval for vouchers #25389 through #25496 in the amount of \$880,817.51 for August 19, 2021.

Hearing no further questions, Member Tom Dabertin moved to approve for payment vouchers #25389 through #25496 in the amount of \$880,817.51. Treasurer, Matthew Maloney, seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of Yes 12 - No 0 - Abstain 0 - Absent 7.

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| Taryl Bonds           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Brent Brashier        | __  | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Christine Cash        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Tom Dabertin          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Sal Espino            | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Bernie Grisolia       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Peter Kilderis        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Fred Koegel           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Nikki Lopez           | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Darnail Lyles         | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Matt Maloney          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Patrick Reardon       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Pete Schroeder        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Matthew Schuffert     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Larry Tucker          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Terry Velligan        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Chareice White        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |

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**D. Resolutions**

**1. REPEAL Resolution No. 2020-05-11: A Resolution Adopting the Continuation of Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Benefits For Full-Time Furloughed Employees During an Emergency Situation**

Chairman Andy Qunell, explained that this resolution was created to provide furloughed employees the continuation of medical, dental, vision and life benefits during an emergency situation. He indicated that we no longer have any staff in a furlough status therefore have no need for this resolution at this time.

Motion was made to repeal Resolution No. 2020-05-11 by Member Terry Velligan and seconded by Member Matthew Schuffert.

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| Taryl Bonds           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Brent Brashier        | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Christine Cash        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Tom Dabertin          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Sal Espino            | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Bernie Grisolia       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Peter Kilderis        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Fred Koegel           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Nikki Lopez           | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Darnail Lyles         | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Matt Maloney          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Patrick Reardon       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Pete Schroeder        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Matthew Schuffert     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Larry Tucker          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Terry Velligan        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Chareice White        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |



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**2. Resolution No. 2021-08-08: A Resolution Authorizing A Transfer Within The Promotion Fund For The 2021 Budget**

Interim President/CEO & CFO Cathy Svetanoff explained that this was to authorize movement of funds between appropriation numbers in two categories. The transfer would move funds from Promotion-Professionals to Promotion-Professional Services.

Chairman Andy Qunell asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-08-08. A motion was made by Treasurer Matthew Maloney and seconded by Member Matthew Schuffert.

Motion carried by roll call vote of Yes 12- No 0- Abstain 0- Absent 7.

|                 | YES | NO  | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Taryl Bonds     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Brent Brashier  | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Christine Cash  | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Tom Dabertin    | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Sal Espino      | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Bernie Grisolia | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Peter Kilderis  | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Fred Koegel     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Nikki Lopez     | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Darnail Lyles   | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Matt Maloney    | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Patrick Reardon | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Pete Schroeder  | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |

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| Matthew Schuffert     | _x_ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___ | ___ | ___ | _x_ |
| Larry Tucker          | _x_ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Terry Velligan        | _x_ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Chareice White        | _x_ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | _x_ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

**E. Other New Business**

**1. 2021 Tourism Promotion Grant**

Chairman Qunell sought approval for 2021 Tourism Jumpstart Grant applicants including the City of Hammond, Town of Cedar Lake, and City of Gary each for \$20,000.

Hearing no further questions, Member Tom Dabertin moved to approve these applicants. Member Fred Koegel seconded the motion.

Interim President/CEO & CFO, Cathy Svetanoff asked the board if they would like for the City of Gary check to be issued prior to the next board meeting. If so, the board would be required to provide permission to do so.

Member Tom Dabertin amended his motion to include authorizing Interim President/CEO & CFO Cathy Svetanoff to issue the check for the City of Gary 2021 Tourism Jumpstart Grant outside of a regular board meeting.

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Taryl Bonds           | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Brent Brashier        | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Christine Cash        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Tom Dabertin          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Sal Espino            | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Bernie Grisolia       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Peter Kilderis        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Fred Koegel           | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Nikki Lopez           | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Darnail Lyles         | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Matt Maloney          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Patrick Reardon       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Pete Schroeder        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Matthew Schuffert     | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Douglas Spencer       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Larry Tucker          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Terry Velligan        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Chareice White        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |

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**2. Creation of President/CEO Search Committee**

Chairman Qunell asked for a motion to utilize the current compensation committee as the President/CEO search committee as well with Member Matthew Schuffert as Chairman of that committee. Motion was made by Member Tom Dabertin and seconded by Member Terry Velligan.

The compensation committee includes members Matthew Schuffert (chairperson), Christine Cash, Nikki Lopez, Matthew Maloney, Darnail Lyles, Larry Tucker and Chareice White.

Motion carried by voice vote 12-0-0.

**3. Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance Renewal**

Chief Administrative Officer, Rik Brankle-Piszczek, gave a quick explanation of the suggested plans for the organizations health benefit plans. He discussed the rate reductions that were received by Anthem MEWA as well as the savings that would be received by switching ancillary products to MetLife as the carrier. Finally, Rik and Member Tom Dabertin discussed phone the health benefit plans and H.S.A. funding; it was recommended that H.S.A. funding be \$3,000 annually for employee only enrollments and \$6,000 annually for all other enrollment classifications.

Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to approve the requested renewal recommendations. Member Tom Dabertin made the motion to approve and Member Matthew Schuffert seconded that motion.

The motion carried by a roll call vote Yes 12 - No 0 - Abstain 0 - Absent 7.

|                | <b>YES</b>   | <b>NO</b>   | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Taryl Bonds    | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>    </u>   |
| Brent Brashier | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>  x  </u>  |
| Christine Cash | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>    </u>   |

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| Tom Dabertin          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Sal Espino            | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Bernie Grisolia       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Peter Kilderis        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Fred Koegel           | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Nikki Lopez           | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Darnail Lyles         | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Matt Maloney          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Patrick Reardon       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Pete Schroeder        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Matthew Schuffert     | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Douglas Spencer       | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>  x  </u> |
| Larry Tucker          | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Terry Velligan        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Chareice White        | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>  |

**4. Creation of a Legislative Committee**

Chairman Andy Qunell asked the board to create a Legislative Committee and recommended Member Matthew Schuffert as chair and committee members Terry Velligan and Patrick Reardon.

Chairman Qunell sought approval for the formation of this committee. Hearing no further questions, Member Taryl Bonds moved to create a Legislative

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Committee. Treasurer Matthew Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12-0-0.

Subsequent to the meeting, Member Taryl Bonds offered to also serve on the Legislative Committee.

**5. Creation of Dillinger Committee**

Chairman, Andy Qunell, discussed the potential need to create a committee to explore options for the John Dillinger artifacts owned by the Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau. It was determined that another committee was not needed. Member Tom Dabertin agreed to preliminarily investigate options for appraisal and disposition and report back to the board of directors.

**6. Approval to Spend - July 2021 Additional Appropriations**

Interim President/CEO & CFO, Cathy Svetanoff, sought approval to spend additional appropriations on the following:

1. Outdoor trash cans: \$2,580.00
2. Water fountain/bottle filler: \$2,254.00
3. Floor Cleaner: \$6,300

Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to approve those expenditures. Motion was made by Member Tom Dabertin and seconded by Member Matthew Schuffert.

Motion carried by roll call vote Yes 12- No 0- Abstain 0- Absent 0.

|                | <b>YES</b>   | <b>NO</b>   | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Taryl Bonds    | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>    </u>   |
| Brent Brashier | <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>  x  </u>  |
| Christine Cash | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>    </u>   |
| Tom Dabertin   | <u>  x  </u> | <u>    </u> | <u>    </u>    | <u>    </u>   |

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| Sal Espino            | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Bernie Grisolia       | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Peter Kilderis        | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Fred Koegel           | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Nikki Lopez           | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Darnail Lyles         | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Matt Maloney          | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Patrick Reardon       | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Pete Schroeder        | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Matthew Schuffert     | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___   | ___ | ___ | __x__ |
| Larry Tucker          | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Terry Velligan        | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Chareice White        | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | __x__ | ___ | ___ | ___   |

**7. Adjustment of 2021 Salary Resolution by the CFO as directed by the Compensation Committee**

Chairman, Andy Qunell, asked for a motion to allow Interim President/CEO & Chief Financial Officer, Cathy Svetanoff, to adjust the current salary resolution No. 2020-12-16 to allow for adjustments agreed upon by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors for review at the September board meeting.

Member Christine Cash motioned to approve and Member Larry Tucker

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seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote Yes 12 - No 0 - Abstain 0 - Absent 7.

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Taryl Bonds           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Brent Brashier        | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Christine Cash        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Tom Dabertin          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Sal Espino            | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Bernie Grisolia       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Peter Kilderis        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Fred Koegel           | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Nikki Lopez           | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Darnail Lyles         | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Matt Maloney          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Patrick Reardon       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Pete Schroeder        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Matthew Schuffert     | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Douglas Spencer       | ___ | ___ | ___     | _x_    |
| Larry Tucker          | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Terry Velligan        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Chareice White        | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |
| Andy Qunell, Chairman | _x_ | ___ | ___     | ___    |



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**8. Miscellaneous Comments**

Member Larry Tucker also inquired if we had received estimates to repair the roof of the Indiana Welcome Center. Chairman, Andy Qunell, indicated he was in talks with the architect of the building to work through this process.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**A. Public Comment**

Public Comment was heard by Theresa Torres on behalf of Everybody Counts. She spoke her concerns regarding municipalities receiving 2021 Tourism Jumpstart Grants without any requirements for ADA compliance to public attractions or festivals within their respective communities.

**B. Next Regular Meeting**

Thursday, September 16, 2021, 12:00pm, Location TBA

**C. Upcoming Events**

**R.O.S.E. and R.I.S.E. Awards**

Wednesday September 22, 2021

Dean and Barbara White Community Center

Merrillville, IN 46410

**Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
D/B/A South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority  
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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing of no other business to come before the board, Chairman Qunell adjourned the meeting. Motioned by Member Matthew Schuffert, seconded by Treasurer Maloney. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. (CST).

**Approved:**

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Andy Qunell, Chairman

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Date

**Attest:**

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Chareice White, Secretary

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Date