



Swain County Tourism Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
05-10-2023 Regular Meeting

Present (Voting): Jeremiah Wiggins, Chairman, Andy Bhakta, Janene Lancaster, Shannon Lackey, Erin Smith, Cheryl Taylor, PattiJo Taylor arrival @ 12:13pm, Eugene Shuler arrival @ 12:18.

Absent (Voting): None

Present (Ex-Officio) None

Absent (Ex-Officio): Kevin King, Swain County Manager, Cally Elliott, Swain County Finance Officer

TDA Staff: Mary Anne Shea, Rita Jones

Attendees: Julie Thorner and Taylor Bernard from Liquid Spark

Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was given along with the prayer from Cheryl Taylor.

Changes to the agenda: None

Erin Smith made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting minutes from 04-19-2023. Janene Lancaster seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Rita Jones gave an update on the fly-fishing museum. All artifacts have been moved from the Chamber building on Main Street to the new location on Island Street. Ms. Jones thanked her staff for all their hard work to make this possible. Also, a thank you to the Swain County Maintenance staff for all their help with this move.

Julie Thorner and Taylor Bernard made a presentation on Liquid Spark.

Chairman Wiggins made a motion to go into Executive Session GS 143-318(a)(5). Erin Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Time was 12:37 p. m.

The Executive Report was attached but not given due to the lateness of the Executive meeting and board members having to leave for other obligations.

The meeting dismissed no adjournment due to not having a quorum. The meeting was dismissed at 2:52 p. m.



Board Member Signatures:

Chair Jeremiah Wiggins \_\_\_\_\_

Andy Bhakta \_\_\_\_\_

Afton Roberts \_\_\_\_\_

Shannon Lackey \_\_\_\_\_

Janene Lancaster \_\_\_\_\_

Eugene Shuler \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Smith \_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Taylor \_\_\_\_\_

PattiJo Taylor \_\_\_\_\_