



Swain County Tourism Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
10-19-2022 Special Meeting

Present (Voting): Jeremiah Wiggins, Chairman, Andy Bhakta, Shannon Lackey, Janene Lancaster, Eugene Shuler

Absent (Voting): Afton Roberts, Erin Smith, Cheryl Taylor and PattiJo Taylor

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

Absent (Ex-Officio): None

TDA Staff: Mary Anne Shea, Rita Jones

Attendees: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiggins at 12:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the MOU between Swain County and the TDA for the Fly-Fishing Aquarium and Museum located at 117 Island St, Bryson City, NC.

A draft of the MOU was presented to the board with discussion of changes that they would like to see before presenting the MOU to the board of county commissioners.

In paragraph #3, Chair Wiggins would like it stated: In the event either Aquarium or Museum are unable to continue to operate, TDA will continue to have option to operate other tourism related functions from Aquarium building and Museum building.

Then in the last paragraph on signature page:

This memorandum of understanding is between Swain County and the Swain County Tourism Development Authority. This memorandum of understanding is not a legally binding agreement. Initial term of this agreement shall be for 10 years, with an extension option of 10 years after the initial term.

Chairman Wiggins made a motion to approve the MOU pending changes of Item #3, then changes of the last paragraph on last page regarding the termination clause. This MOU will be sent to the board of commissioners. It will be reviewed by the commissioners at their November 10 regular meeting. If it is approved, Mary Anne Shea may sign the MOU on behalf of the TDA board. Shannon Lackey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shannon Lackey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Andy Bhakta. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27p.m.



Board Member Signatures:

Chair Jeremiah Wiggins

Andy Bhakta

Afton Roberts

Shannon Lackey

Janene Lancaster

Eugene Shuler

Erin Smith

Cheryl Taylor

PattiJo Taylor