

MOTIONS PASSED AT THE COMBINED BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Approved Election of Officers
Mr. Wilkes/Mr. Walsingham

Approved Consent Agenda
Mr. Phillips/Mr. Moore

COMBINED BOARD MEETING
Bay County Tourist Development Council
Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.
Panama City Beach

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Council Room, PCB City Hall

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Chester called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Seven Members Present. Absent:

Mr. Jansen

Mr. Patronis

A. Invocation

Mr. Wilkes gave the Invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Pease led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approve Election of Officers

The Board wanted to keep the officers the same, Mr. Chester; Chairman, Ms. Pease; Vice Chairman, Mr. Patronis; Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Sale said that as long as nobody objected, keeping the same officers could be voted on in one vote. He asked if anyone objected and there was no objection.

Mr. Wilkes moved; seconded by Mr. Walsingham to approve the officers.

Motion passed unanimously

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes)

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Rowe read the Consent Agenda into the record.

A. Acknowledge Receipt of the November 2022 Tourist Development Tax Collection Report

Mr. Phillips moved; seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed unanimously

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of Lose Design, Mr. Dan Rowe, Mr. Whit Alexander, Mr. Sean Guth

Mr. Rowe introduced Lose as the design firm named for the contracts for the Indoor Sports Center, AKA SABRE Center, AKA Western Region Resiliency Center. Also, last month the board approved Lose for the Aaron Bessant Park improvements contract with a "not to exceed" clause which is under negotiations.

Mr. Guth gave a summary of their process as well as discussing the needs and uses for the facility. He emphasized that the visual representations being used will change and those changes will be brought to the board for approval.

Mr. Sale stated that the images that have been used were for reference only and emphasized that the look and build of this project will change as it is redesigned during the process as a result of all of the uses and needs being incorporated. The design needs to be allowed to change for this purpose.

Mr. Rowe stated that due to the securing of funding, the design is conceptual for now and will be fluid as all the needs and specifications regarding funding requirements are incorporated.

The board discussed some of their concerns regarding the design and how it effects daily operation efficiency.

Mr. Rowe assured the board that all of their opinions and suggestions for design and layout will be part of the process.

Mr. Sale said that the FEMA funded portion is contracted through the county separately from the rest of the facility which is contracted with the CVB. He said that they are meeting with county staff to discuss how to align those two buildings so they are, in one sense separate, and in another work together as one facility. Also, he said that a lot more data has to be obtained about the site, location. Then, make sure it fits the security needs of the school board, meets FEMA requirements, and the CVB requirements.

Lose discussed how their designs will change as they receive requirements from funding sources.

Mr. Sale stated that the county signed a contract for the design of a 100 thousand sq. ft. building five feet outside it's perimeter. The CVB signed a contract for everything else including the site.

Mr. Phillips asked if the foot print could be expanded from its original design.

Mr. Rowe stated that in the original design is a stormwater retention pond almost adjacent to the building. He said they are investigating moving that pond to the other side of the low-quality wetlands with some high and dry land that we own which is just to the south of an existing stormwater pond that we built. So, if we can move that pond further east, it allows us more high and dry land contiguous to this.

Mr. Sale said that once you get past the county designed building, the board has total flexibility with the rest of the non-FEMA funded design.

Mr. Rowe stated that he and staff will be going to Rocky Mountain North Carolina to view another indoor facility.

B. Economic Impact Awards for Sports Tourism Events, Mr. Chris O'Brien

Mr. O'Brien gave a summary of the awards that were given for sports events as well as the impact of those events on the local economy.

V. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Rowe stated that he is working on the strategic plan with staff. He also said that with collections continuing to be strong, that will allow us to effectively market PCB as a tourist destination as well as to do development projects that will help us strengthen, diversify and expand our portfolio of assets that will help generate year-round visitation to PCB. He said that Mr. Bailey has been successful getting state associations into market.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

NONE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Cook, Recording Secretary