**White Pine County Tourism & Recreation Board**

**MINUTES**

**Special Grants Meeting**

**DATE: June 25, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**LOCATION: Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room**

**Members Present:** Bryane Goeringer **Staff Present:** Kyle Horvath

 Marietta Henry James Beecher (left at 6:50 pm)

 Caroline McIntosh

**Member Absent:** Ian Bullis

**Public Present:** Carol McKenzie, WPCC BJ Almberg, City of Ely

 George Christensen, WPCC Bill Ricci, Steptoe Valley Trap

 Nancy Herms, EOE Randy Long, Golf Course

 Brian Godon, WPHR Mark Bassett, NNRY

 Janet VanCamp, WPPM Tony Zamora, Pony Express

 Samantha Stroud, WPPM Barbara Jirak, WPPM

 Mike Dalton, Ely Shoshone Maureen Otzelberger

 Susan Wetmore, WPCC Nancy Cobb, Schellbourne Re-Riders

 Mitch McVicars, Bristlecone Bowmen

Chairman Goeringer called to order the Special Grants meeting of the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board on June 25, 2019 in the White Pine Room at the Bristlecone Convention Center. Chairman Goeringer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

 **1. Approval of Agenda, including Removal of Agenda Items – Chairman Goeringer**

 **Motion:** Caroline McIntosh moved to approve the agenda moving Item 5-19 under Outdoor Recreation up so it can be considered as the second item.

 **Motion Seconded:** Marietta Henry **Unanimously Approved. Motion Passed.**

 **2. Review and Recommendations for FY2019/2020 Outdoor Recreation Facilities Aid Grant Proposals**

Kyle said this hearing for the grant proposals will be conducted in the same manner as the Aid to Organization grant hearings were held. Tell us about your grant request and any parts of your project you want to emphasize. The Board will hear from everyone first and then debate. Starting with the next grant cycle, the Board has adopted a policy of a twenty-five percent match. To parity the State and other granting agencies that usually require a fifty percent match, we are starting with a twenty-five percent match for the next cycle. The match can be in cash or in-kind volunteer work.

 **01-19: WPC Golf Course Presenter: Randy Long Requested: $ 9,800**

His priority No. 1 request is deep tine aerification and green revitalization.

 **05-19: WP Horse Races Presenter: Brian Godone Requested: $10,000**

He is requesting two hot walkers for the fair grounds.

 **02-19: WP Public Museum Presenter: Samantha Stroud Requested: $ 2,800**

They are requesting a storage shed purchased from Bath Lumber.

 **03-19: City of Ely Presenter: BJ Almberg Requested: $32,200**

They are requesting funds for the Broadbent Park restroom remodel.

 **04-19: GBNH Area Partnership Presenter: Kyle Horvath Requested: $ 8,000**

Request is to help fund the building of the one-mile Baker Multi-Use Trail.

 **06-19: Bristlecone Bowmen Presenter: Mitch McVicars Requested: $11,400**

 His request is for targets for the shooting complex building.

 **3. Review and Recommendations for FY2019/2020 Capital Improvement Project Grant Proposals**

 **001-19 Ely Shoshone Tribe Presenter: Mike Dalton Requested: $15,000.00**

His request for lighting of the Shoshone Powwow grounds which the Tribe will match.

 **002-19: Steptoe Valley TS&T Presenter: Bill Richey Requested: $14,486.76**

Last year’s grant allowed well to be drilled. This request is for upgrade continuation to have pump controls and pressure tank installed.

 **003-19: Shellbourne Re-Riders Presenter: Wendy Cobb Requested: $ 3,263.97**

This request is for posts and hardware to erect 32 signs covering 144 miles of trail.

 **004-19: WPC Golf Course Presenter: Randy Long Requested: $33,560.00**

This request is for a fairway tractor w/turf tires.

 **005-19: WP Public Museum Presenter: Samantha Stroud Requested: $13,985.95**

This request is for building improvements.

 **006-19: NNRY Presenter: Mark Bassett Requested: $54,750.00**

This request is for locomotive 81, boiler work and tubes.

 **007-19: NNRY Presenter: Mark Bassett Requested: $18,750.00**

This request is for the Star Train Viewing area.

 Chairman called for a five-minute break at 6:32 pm.

 Chairman called meeting back to order at 6:39 pm.

 **008-19: Ely Renaissance Society Presenter: Kyle Horvath Requested: $ 6,000.00**

 This request is for mural refreshing at Museum and the fixing of cracks.

 **009-19: City of Ely Presenter: BJ Almberg Requested: $32,200.00**

This request is for the Broadbent Park bathroom remodel that was presented under Outdoor Recreation Facilities Aid proposals.

 **010-19: Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts Presenter: Nancy Herms Requested: $ 1,100.00**

This request is for four tear drop flags double sided with our logo.

 **012-19: Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts Presenter: Nancy Herms Requested: $ 1,750.00**

This request is for an inflatable arch and blower to be used at Start and Finish.

 **011-19: WP Composite MTB Team Presenter: Kyle Horvath Requested: $ 2,800.00**

This request is for tent and flags plus uniforms.

 **013-19: WP Chamber Presenter: Kyle Horvath Requested: $ 4,570.00**

This request is to redesign the lighting of the tree.

 **014-19: WPCC Presenter: Chris Christensen Requested: $13,000.00**

This request is for the LDS Stake Center known as the Centennial Arts Center. This funding request is to assist us in having an engineering and structural assessment of the building. This building is open to the public under the non-profit organization status.

 Presentations are complete. The Board went back up to Outdoor Recreation and started their discussions.

 Member McIntosh proposed in reference to Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts that as a Board we have made a conscientious decision to purchase things that can be used for multiple groups and stored here. She feels that the tear drops and the arch could be done in high quality material. We are trying to leverage our assets and it is great for them to ask for it, but it seems like both of those items could go towards what we are spending our money on which would enable more organizations to get money tonight. Kyle felt there were several situations in here where it would be appropriate for us to fund the project outside of the grant in order to open up money to fund other projects. Kyle suggested that T&R purchase the arch and some of the flags but maybe fund two flags that would be at start/finish that would have the EOE logo on it. That would make an impact. It was suggested that T&R put $400 into Outdoor Recreation for the tear drop flags.

 **Outdoor Recreation Facilities Aid Grant Requests:**

 **01-19 WPC Golf Course Proposed: $ 9,800**

A survey was recently put together and the number one thing the participants look at is turf conditions. There is so much catch-up that the Golf Course needs reference their equipment. They really need some infusion and they are one of our anchors. This piece of equipment has long-term benefits to it.

 **02-19 WP Public Museum Proposed: Zero**

The Convention Center has a tremendous amount of storage which we can offer to the Museum. Right now, the Museum has many other needs, and this would not be the priority since we can give them a solution.

 **03-19 City of Ely Proposed: Zero**

There needs to be a comprehensive plan and how it ties to increasing room nights. Our job is to increase room nights.

 **04-19 GBNH Area Partnership Proposed: $ 8,000**

It is a good thing that Baker is connecting one end of the community to the other with a walking path; you are connecting the schools, the National Park. Baker will be able to expand their fiber package. It was felt this was an excellent use of our funding.

 **05-19 WP Horse Races Proposed: $ 5,000**

It was proposed that we fund one hot walker and move the additional monies to another request.

 **06-19 Bristlecone Bowman Proposed: $ 6,000**

Very happy that Bristlecone Bowmen have partnered with Steptoe Valley. There aren’t room nights at this point that we can track. It was felt three targets would be best.

 **010-19 EOE Proposed: $ 400**

Discussed above.

 **Total Outdoor Recreation $29,200**

Kyle said he is at $29,200 for his calculations. We can spend $50,000 on this one. We would then have $20,800 to move down to Capital. That leaves us $90,800 to award in Capital.

 **Capital Improvement Project Grant Requests:**

 **001-19 Ely Shoshone Tribe Proposed: $ 5,000**

The Board sees the need. With that being said, this is an event one weekend out of the year.

 **002-19 Steptoe Vly TS&T Proposed: $ 7,500**

It is obvious the pump and controls are needed. The water is needed. Well is useless without pump.

 **003-19 Shellebourne Re-Riders Proposed: $ 3,500**

 **004-19 WPC Golf Course Proposed: $20,000**

Per the survey, the grounds are the number one thing the players are concerned about. We will not attract more tournaments or people from out of town unless this condition is fixed.

 **005-19 WP Public Museum Proposed: $11,900**

These repairs are a vital thing. The Board has invested in the Museum and the signage does not exist there that it is a Visitors’ Center. There needs to be a plan on that. Right now, the priority is to make sure the mural is done by the Museum conference in October.

 **006-19 NNRY Proposed: $30,000**

The NNRY is our attraction and asset. The steam engine is a total draw and if we lose the steam engine, our tourism numbers would take a hit.

 **007-19 NNRY Proposed: Zero**

Of the two requests, the Board would rather see the money going toward locomotive 81 since there is a star pad out there right now which is a good start. The No. 1 priority is the steam engine.

 **008-19 Ely Renaissance Society Proposed: Zero**

We have a line item in next year’s budget for public art.

 **009-19 City of Ely Proposed: Zero**

 **010-19 EOE – Moved up above to Outdoor Rec**

 **011-19 WP Composite MTB Team Proposed: Zero**

This is not so much tourism related. If we want to support them, do so as a sponsor.

 **012-19 EOE Proposed: Zero**

Kyle said he would like to purchase this out of his budget.

 **013-19 WP Chamber of Commerce Proposed: Zero**

The Board would like to see a plan for the Sculpture Park. This is the park where it is planned to put the kiosk. It has been proposed to the Chamber about becoming the “Christmas Capitol of Nevada.”

 **014-19 WP Community Choir Proposed: $13,000**

This plan is essential for them to get any more money. They can’t go any further without a plan.

 **Total Capital Improvement $90,900**

 **Motion:** Caroline McIntosh moved that we fund Outdoor Recreation Facilities Aid in the amount of $29,200 and Capital Improvement Projects in the amount of $90,900 for FY2019/2020.

 **Motion Seconded:** Marietta Henry **Unanimously Approved. Motion Passed.**

**III. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

1. **Parking Lot Sub-Committee – Goeringer**
2. **White Pine Golf Course – McIntosh**
3. **White Pine Trails Update – Goeringer**
4. **Nevada Northern Railway Update – Bassett**
5. **Board Member Reports**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

 **Motion:** Caroline McIntosh made motion to adjourn.

 **Motion Seconded:** Marietta Henry **Unanimously Approved. Motion Passed.**

**Minutes Submitted by: Judi Bourbeau**

**Minutes Approved by:**

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