

**White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board
Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room
Special Meeting and Final Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
May 31, 2023, 3pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McIntosh called to order the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board special meeting and final budget hearing for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 3 pm. Member Van Camp led in the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	Chairman McIntosh, Marietta Henry, Janet Van Camp, Sandra Wright (arrived 3:10 pm)
Board Members Absent:	Kurt Carson
Staff Present	Kyle Horvath
Legal Counsel	McKinzie Hilton
Public Present in Person	George Chachas, Wayne Cameron

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas commented about receiving the proposed budget the day before the meeting. Open meeting law says it should be available three days prior to the meeting. He questioned why the internet connection is costing \$21,000. He said the horse sculpture needs to be relocated. There is sage brush around it making it hard to see. He commented about signs being put up within one hundred feet of McDonalds. He commented about the railroad receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars and not adhering to the open meeting law. He hasn't seen anything on the agenda regarding Broadbent Park and the retention of the grandstand. He hasn't seen anything on the agenda regarding Heritage Park. Time called.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda, Including Removal of Agenda Items – Chairman McIntosh

Motion: Member Henry moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Seconded: Member Van Camp **Motion carried**

B. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Chairman McIntosh opened the public budget hearing.

Director Horvath displayed the working budget document for fiscal year 2023-2024 on the overhead screen as well as the final budget for 2022-2023 for comparison purposes. He briefly gave the highlights. The room tax budgeting is slightly increased for the city and county. Regarding the fund balance, this year zero is projected. Last year we took \$168,000 from our savings to do capital improvement projects. We are proposing a balanced budget. Any modifications will have to be made to both income and expenses. We overestimated our payroll budget last year. This year we budgeted for increases, but it is coming out to be essentially the same amount. We have budgeted \$21,000 again this year for internet connection since we are expecting fiber to be installed this year. Taxes and insurance were decreased by \$1,000. We will find out shortly what it will be exactly, and we may have to bump it back up. We increased Historic Asset Maintenance by \$5,000 to help cover the façade incentive program. We decreased Consulting

Services by \$25,000 since we won't have engineering consulting and we reduced our PR services from two contracts to one. The Aid to Organizations was slightly increased and Capital Outlay was reduced substantially. What is due to other government agencies is reflected accurately.

Member Van Camp had a few questions. What is covered under:

Dues and Subscriptions. Director Horvath said payment of Rotary dues since he is a Rotarian is part of his compensation package. Subscriptions cover our internet, website, quick books, and adobe.

Historic Asset Maintenance. Director Horvath said those funds are used to help preserve our historic assets as well as the façade improvement program. That program allows property owners to get a forgivable property improvement loan. It is managed by the city.

Public Art. Director Horvath said those funds are used to redo murals and public art.

Main Street. Director Horvath said this is the fourth year this has shown as a line item. Part of the original Main Street partnership agreement allowed assistance from the city and tourism.

Consulting Services. Director Horvath said this covers Parallel Lines which will come to an end plus the two PR firms reduced to one.

Chairman McIntosh opened the public hearing to public comment.

George Chachas wanted to know what impacts were made to downtown Ely through the Main Street grants. The response from Director Horvath was signage, events, business promotions, partner with chamber bucks, writing of grants to help support tourism, travel book guide, film festival, eclipse art.

With no further comments, Chairman McIntosh closed the public hearing.

C. Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion: Member Henry made a motion to accept the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented.

Motion Seconded: Member Van Camp

Motion carried

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas is still waiting for a list showing center events. He felt the Board should not be paying Rotary dues. He has yet to receive an updated inventory sheet. He has not received any information regarding the Silver State Motel, or the different RVs parked throughout the community. Are they paying room tax? He has not received any information about the kiosk across the street from Sport's World. It is being shadowed. He has not seen where the monies given to the Community Choir for pigeon control have been addressed. The new parking lot still does not meet minimum ADA standards. He has not received any information regarding Ed Spear or any information regarding the payment of \$64 for Doris Lawler. He has an ongoing concern regarding the railroad not operating under the open meeting law. Time called.

6. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Judi Bourbeau

Minutes approved by: _____

Andrea Wright
Name

6/27/2023
Date