

**White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board
Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room
Regular Meeting June 24, 2025 - 4 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Trask called to order the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board regular meeting at 4 pm. He led in the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	Terrill Trask, Janet VanCamp, Mary Valencia, Jason Bath, Elizabeth Woolsey
Board Member via Zoom	None
Board Member Absent	None
Staff Present	Kyle Horvath, Errol Porter
Legal Counsel	McKinzie Hilton
Public Present	Wayne Cameron, Marietta Henry, Alan Reed, George Chachas, Paula Carson, Matt Bower via Zoom

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas spoke. In going over the bills, check no. 12519, he questioned why O’Flaherty Plumbing was being paid for bike magazine. On agenda item 4c5, that item needs to be terminated. He said the County is applying for SNPLMA grants for an event center. This Board needs to cease remodeling this facility. On agenda item 4c7d regarding the Renaissance application, that item needs to be denied. They need to paint the Renaissance Village. On agenda item 4c7e regarding Nevada Northern Railway, that item needs to be denied. They do not run under the open meeting law. On agenda item 4c8a regarding the White Pine Public Museum and reworking that train car, he sees Randy Henefer is putting in a bid. He wants to know if he is the contractor. On the agenda item regarding that rail car, he wants to remind the Board that the city paid for a study showing the first impressions of Ely. The impression that that Museum is giving the community is a black eye. On agenda item 4c8e Renaissance Society, that item needs to be denied. On agenda item 4c8g Nevada Northern Railway, they need to be denied until they come under the Nevada open meeting law. Time called.

4. ACTION ITEMS

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

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

Motion Seconded: Member Valencia

Motion carried

B. Approval of Minutes: May 27, 2025, 4pm Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing FY 25/26

Motion: Member VanCamp moved to approve the minutes as written.

Motion Seconded: Member Valencia

Motion carried

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to Ratify Payment of Bills

Director Horvath commented on the item raised in Public Comment reference O’Flaherty Plumbing and Heating. It was not for bike magazine. That was an incorrect labeling. The charge was for having them

This estimate does include minimal site visits and virtual check-ins. It is Director Horvath's recommendation that we move forward. It was asked if there is a timeline shown. It is Mr. Horvath's understanding that once this proposal is approved, work will begin immediately. Chairman Trask asked if we have the money budgeted for Phases 2 and 3. Mr. Horvath said we have the money in the bank for it. He said we budgeted \$100,000 in our budget for 25/26. If this was completed within the next fiscal year, then we would have to augment the budget at the end of the next fiscal year. It was asked once this is approved wouldn't it be wise to have a timeline? Mr. Horvath agreed. He said this could be brought back to the Board at the next meeting after contacting Mr. Cavin saying the Board is requesting a start date and a perceived finish date for Phase 2 as well as the start and finish for Phase 3. Member Bath asked if the Zoom meetings were unlimited. Mr. Horvath said it was his understanding they would be unlimited but one on-site visit would be included.

Motion: Member Bath moved to approve scope of work for phases 2 and 3 and budget for the Bristlecone Convention Center renovation and rebranding from Paul Cavin architect LLC, adding that we ask for a timeline for these phases to be completed.

Motion Seconded: Member Valencia

Motion carried

6. Budget Augmentation for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Approval of Resolution to Augment

Mr. Horvath said we were over budget on certain items and under budget on other items. Those were not the need for a major augmentation. He explained. We had our Travel Nevada destination development grant for \$350,000. We received the first installment of the check last fiscal year so that income went into last fiscal year. The expenses of \$350,000 came out of this fiscal year. When we made our budget last year, it showed a major surplus that all went into savings. This year we were looking at a major deficit because the \$175,000 check came last year. We did get another \$175,000 check this year but the whole \$350,000 expense came out of this fiscal year. That is why you saw such a discrepancy in this year's budget. With all the changes, we would be showing a budgeted income of \$2,767,350. With all the changes made to the expenses, it would show an even balance. With the augmentation we are showing a balanced budget. Where a change needs to be made is in the Fund Balance. It is showing \$44,750, which Mr. Horvath cannot explain because the actual budget was \$100,000 so that needs to change. The augmentation will be \$35,350. The total in the Fund Balance would remain at \$135,350. We would be pulling out \$135,350 towards the Fund Balance and then that would be the discrepancy of the additional \$175,000 plus those items that were a little bit over and a little bit under. Also, any of the augmentations that were made we are taking into consideration what our June room tax is going to be.

Motion: Member Woolsey moved to approve the budget augmentation and the resolution to augment for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Motion seconded: Member Bath

Motion carried

7. Outdoor Recreation Facility Grant Requests

Legal counsel Hilton said that there are several items where multiple people are going to have to disclose. She will remind everyone when they need to make their disclosure. No one needs to abstain.

Chairman Trask opened Item 7, a through g, and Item 8, a through j, for discussion.

8. Capital Improvement Grant Requests

- a. CAP 001-25: Awarding Grant to White Pine Public Museum 4,032.00
Member VanCamp disclosed she and her sister are members of the White Pine Public Museum board. She nor her sister receive any financial or personal gain from serving on the board nor from the awarding of this grant. Legal counsel's recommendation is that Member VanCamp is allowed to vote.
Motion: Member Bath moved to grant \$4,032 to White Pine Public Museum contingent upon the Museum using a licensed contractor with a valid business license. If the person listed on the application does not meet those qualifications, the Museum may look for someone else who is qualified.
Motion Seconded: Member Valencia **Motion carried**

At this point in the meeting, Member Bath left for a prior engagement.

- b. CAP 002-25: Awarding Grant to White Pine Community Choir Association 11,000.00
Motion: Member VanCamp moved to grant \$11,000 to White Pine Community Choir Association
Motion Seconded: Member Woolsey **Motion carried**

- c. CAP 003-25: Awarding Grant to White Pine County Ag. District 13 20,000.00
Member VanCamp disclosed she is a member of the Ag District. She receives no financial or person gain from serving on this board nor from the awarding of this grant. Legal counsel's recommendation is that Member VanCamp is allowed to vote.
Motion: Member Valencia moved to grant \$20,000 to White Pine County Ag. District 13
Motion Seconded: Member Woolsey **Motion carried**

- d. CAP 004-25: Awarding Grant to Lund Rodeo Association 5000.00
Director Horvath recommended this grant request be moved to Outdoor Recreation Facilities where there is additional money to fund it.
Motion: Member VanCamp motioned to move this grant request to Outdoor Recreation Facilities and to grant \$5,000 to Lund Rodeo Association
Motion Seconded: Member Valencia **Motion carried**

- e. CAP 005-25: Awarding Grant to Ely Renaissance Society 4,700.00
Motion: Member Valencia moved to grant \$4,700 to Ely Renaissance Society
Motion Seconded: Member Woolsey **Motion carried**

- f. CAP 006-25: Awarding Grant to White Pine Main Street Association 13,000.00
Motion: Member VanCamp moved to grant \$13,000 to White Pine Main Street Association
Motion Seconded: Member Valencia **Motion carried**

- g. CAP 007-25: Awarding Grant to Nevada Northern Railway Foundation 10,065.00
Motion: Member Woolsey moved to grant \$10,065 to Nevada Northern Railway Foundation
Motion Seconded: Member VanCamp **Motion carried**

- h. CAP 008-25: Awarding Grant to White Pine Horse Races 6,318.68

George Chachas. Item 4c8b awarding monies to the Community Choir. They are a private club. You should not be funding an organization who competes with the private sector. To date a rental agreement with Ian Bullis or the Food Bank has not been provided. When did this Board approve remodeling. He has not received any information regarding each month's income for usage and rental of the facility. He said he has not received any information as requested on how many conventions have been brought in since Kyle has been hired. He has not received any information on the last inventory list prior to Kyle's employment. He has received no information reference the convention center parking lot. It is not ADA compliant.

7. ADJOURNMENT

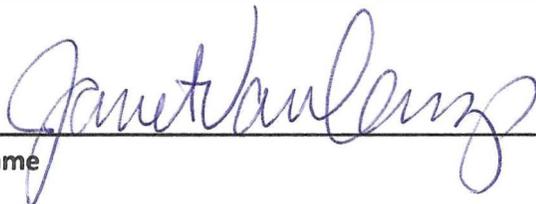
Motion: Member VanCamp moved to adjourn at 5:27 pm.

Motion Seconded: Member Woolsey

Motion carried

Minutes submitted by: Judi Bourbeau

Minutes approved by:


Name _____ Date 7-22-2025