

ILLINOIS South Tourism
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 27th, 2022. 10:30 am

Present:

BOND COUNTY: Jes Adam	CLARK COUNTY: Bailey Maulding	CLAY COUNTY:
CLINTON COUNTY: Sandy Timmermann, Jim Sullivan	CRAWFORD COUNTY: Sara Mehler, , Lisa Schaefer	CUMBERLAND COUNTY: Tania Craig, Billie Chambers
EDWARDS COUNTY: Dennis Turpin,	FAYETTE COUNTY:	HAMILTON COUNTY:
JASPER COUNTY: Jane Casey, Mindy Hartke	LAWRENCE COUNTY: Tom Robinson	CiTY of Highland: Mallord Hubbard
MARION COUNTY:	MONROE COUNTY: Clyde Heller, Jim Hill	PERRY COUNTY: Carrie Gilliam, Judy Smid
RANDOLPH COUNTY: Emily Lyons, Ronnie White	RICHLAND COUNTY: Belinda Henton, Karen Bell	ST. CLAIR COUNTY: Cathleen Lindauer, John West
WABASH COUNTY: Jim Pfeister,	WASHINGTON COUNTY: Marvin Steinkamp	WAYNE COUNTY: Gary Sloan
WHITE COUNTY: Cindy Conley		

Absent:

BOND COUNTY: Dennis Potthast,	CLARK COUNTY: Nora Swalls	CLAY COUNTY: Doug Spitzner, Amy Allen
CLINTON COUNTY:	CRAWFORD COUNTY:	CUMBERLAND COUNTY:
EDWARDS COUNTY: Debra Fearn	FAYETTE COUNTY: Ricky Gottman,	HAMILTON COUNTY: Jerry Prince, Monica Tucker,
JASPER COUNTY:	LAWRENCE COUNTY: Paige Harvey	CITY of Highland:
MARION COUNTY: Ben Stratemeyer	MONROE COUNTY:	PERRY COUNTY:
RANDOLPH COUNTY:	RICHLAND COUNTY:	ST. CLAIR COUNTY:
WABASH COUNTY: Brenda Bobbitt	WASHINGTON COUNTY: Dee Demoss,	WAYNE COUNTY:
WHITE COUNTY: Kelly Northcott		

Meeting Called to order:

After some technical difficulties again.

Ronnie White called the July meeting to order at 10:45, thanked everyone for attending and for their patience. Ronnie alerted everyone when the emergency order is in, we will need to have a quorum in person so we will get that all worked out.

Roll Call by Darlene Chapman:

Having established a quorum (quorum is 23) with 28 in attendance, the meeting continued.

The following will be approved on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes:

April Board Meeting Minutes. Notes are posted. No comments or discussion.

Executive Committee Meetings:

The Executive committee conducted meetings on June 1st , and July 6th notes are posted on Web site. Ronnie asked if anyone had comments or questions and there were none.

Finance committee Meeting: Held on May 25th Notes are posted, Darlene stated we did get an increase in our budget for fiscal year 22- 23 nice surprise. The budget increased over \$128,0000.00. This was gone over at the meeting and reports are attached, we are presenting for approval.

By-Laws Committee Meeting: Held on June 16th Reviewed the changes, next step was to have a lawyer look at them, this has been completed and now the By-laws committee needs to meet again and review the lawyer's recommendations.

Presidents Report:

- Race was a huge success at WWTR and our partnership with them is very strong. Darlene met with Chris Blair (General Manager) they appreciated all our help and support. We will present at Leadership council on Aug 5th in partnership with WWTR informing them of the impact of the race. And what IllinoisSouth does for the region.
- We have hired three new employees; our graphic designer has now been here one month, and we have our Web content and Social Media positions in place for about two months. All of them are settling in fine and working great together as team members. Ronnie asked for any questions on the president's report, hearing none we moved on to approving the consent agenda, Gary Sloan made the motion and Jim Pfeister second. Darlene confirmed with roll call, Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

By- laws update and approval of changes. This will have to done later due to the late report back from the lawyer. Ronnie brought up one thing he wanted to get the board members input on, Article IX Section 3. Proposed amendments of either Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws must be verbatim and submitted to the Board of Directors at least (blank) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment shall be voted on. Ronnie would like a suggestion on how many days, everyone agreed 10 days would be good.

Open Meetings Act, everyone must be certified. Confirmation is needed if this needs to be done every 2 yrs. The Bylaws committee will take care of this and inform the board.

It was brought to Darlene's attention some of the board members would like to have Christine and Andy join the meeting to give their reports in person, Ronnie asked if everyone agreed with that and Yes, they will attend going forward.

Darlene suggested to remove the Presidents report from the consent agenda and add Christine and Andy's reporting at the end all at the same time. All board members agreed.

Ronnie mentioned that DCO is offering a tourism grant to counties, and he encouraged everyone to check into this.

Ronnie also spoke of his experience going to the race, he really enjoyed going, but he would have liked to represent our Bureau in a better way, he suggested the board members getting Logo shirts to wear out to events. It was decided to get all board members shirts. This is something we can wait till we complete the Rebrand.

Darlene explained we are moving forward on the Rebrand, meeting with Cork tree and discussing names.

A Discussion was had about times for the next meeting on October 26th and it was decided we will try 12:30 and lunch provided, all were in favor.

Meeting called for adjournment. Gary Sloan made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Judy Smid. Ronnie thanked everyone and stressed if anyone has any questions or comments call him or call the bureau, we are here to help. Motion carried.
..... meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 12:30pm (per Zoom / In person combo)

Elaine Byrd, Recording Secretary