

Minutes

Wyoming County Planning Commission

April Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2017, 12:00 pm

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Saulsville, West Virginia

Call to Order: 12:05 pm

Roll Call: Present: Michael E. Cook, Jackie Whitley, Senator Sue Cline, Christy Laxton, David Lord, and Vicki Knight-Clay.

Absent: David "Bugs" Stover, Dvon Duncan, Stephanie Lusk, Everett Frazier, Dwight Shorter, Jr., Mike Cochrane, Ruby Ingram, Tim Ellison and Silas Mullins.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2016 & March 29, 2017 Special meeting: Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2016 and March 29, 2017. The motion was seconded by David Lord and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Under New Business, the Board Terms were presented for 2017. By-Laws were reviewed and handed out.

The next item on the agenda was the Election of Officers for 2017. The current officers are Christy Laxton, President; Sue Cline, Vice President; and Jackie Whitley, Secretary. Vicky Knight-Clay made a motion to retain the current officers, Mr. Cook seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

President Laxton discussed the Community Fund Grant Application. President Laxton presented the anonymous grant applications to the members by email before the meeting, and presented additional copies for review. The Grant committee reviewed the applications on April 12, 2017 to avoid any conflict of interest. The recommendation was made to award the grant to application #7, with a second choice of application #5. After discussion from the board, it was decided that the grant would be awarded to application #7 and if they could not accept the funding, the award would go to application #5. Application #7 is for an after-school program for grades K-6th. The motion was made by Jackie Whitley and seconded by Sue Cline, with everyone in favor. The approved application will be presented to Beckley Area Foundation for their June meeting approval.

The next item of business was the Community Fund Scholarship. The Community Fund Scholarships were emailed anonymously before the meeting and additional copies were available for review. After review by the members present, Mr. Cook made a motion to award the \$2,500 scholarship to application #3. If applicant #3 would be unable to accept the scholarship, the second choice is applicant #5. David Lord seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. President Laxton will notify the schools and the applicants with letters and phone calls.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of a Literature Fund. President Laxton provided the members with an email from Sharon Lilly at the Beckley Area Foundation discussing the Literature Fund and if the Planning Commission would be interested in looking at applications for the Fund. After further discussion, it was moved by David Lord and seconded by Jackie Whitley to approve that the Planning Commission work on, review, and award grants from the Literature Fund.

The next item on the agenda was for the upcoming Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser. After discussion, it was decided to have the Bingo on October 7, 2017 at Pineville Elementary School. President Laxton will reach out to Mr. Donald Clay to reserve the date.

Unfinished Business:

Under Unfinished Business, President Laxton presented the group with an overview of the adoption process. The final Draft was prepared after the March 29, 2017 special meeting and will now have to go out for public comment and a public hearing will have to be scheduled. That will be corresponding with our next Planning Commission meeting.

Great Eastern Trail Update – Senator Cline stated that there has been a resolution for a study that they plan to finish by January 2018.

Scenic Drive Update – Signage is approved, they will be the standard scenic byway sign.

Brownfields Clean-Up Grant – President Laxton informed the Commission that the engineers are working on Sampling Analysis Plans that will then have to be approved by both WV DEP and the US EPA. The process is going much slower than they expected, but should still be completed by the end of the grant period, September 30, 2017. The cleanup will have to be completed through Fiscal Year 2018, so an extension will have to be requested.

Groundwork Southern WV – Reorganization is happening. Christy Bailey is working with Groundwork USA, maybe they can share the CVB Director.

Guyandotte Water Trail – They are designing boat put-ins along the Guyandotte. In June they are doing training on kayaking, and a fishing tournament in August.

Wyoming County Day 2017 – has been moved back to Wyoming County and will be held during the dates of September 29-October 1. The next planning meeting is scheduled for June 8 at Oceana Library. The reception will take place on Saturday, September 30th at the Council on Aging.

Wyoming County Community Fund – No additional updates

Boy Scouts: They will be in Wyoming County on July 20, 21, and 24-26th. There aren't as many projects submitted this time as there were in 2013, but we are still hoping for a successful community service event.

Other Business:

The Planning Commission Meetings are now bring your own lunch due to recent cuts in local budgets.

Next Meeting Date: Due to the last day of the Boy Scout Community Service Initiative being July 26, 2017, the meeting will be held on August 9, 2017 at Noon at Southern. A public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will happen before that meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM from a motion made by Mr. Cook and seconded by David Lord.