

## White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 18, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Bristlecone Convention Center - White Pine Room

**Members Present:** Ernie Flangas  
Bruce Setterstrom  
Lorraine Clark

**Staff Present:** Ed Spear  
Lori Drew

**Members Absent:** Jacki Hansen  
Richard Howe

**Public Present:** Melody Van Camp  
Bunny Hill  
Linda Derbidge  
Alan Wise

George Chachas  
Lori Romero  
Robert Switzer

Ernie Flangas called to order the meeting of the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board at 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 2016 at the White Pine Room at the Bristlecone Convention Center. Lorraine Clark led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Public Comment:** George Chachas asked when the packets were ready. He said that he was told there was no packet then he was called later that it was ready. Mr. Chachas asked about the Nevada Northern Railroad's budget. Mr. Chachas also felt that the Board did not have the right to sue the city that it would have to come from the County if there was any litigation brought forward.

**II. New Business:**

**1. Approval for Board Members and Staff to Attend Governor's Conference October 11-12, 2016:** Lorraine Clark stated that she would like to attend. Lori Drew stated that the state would be paying for Ed to go because he is the chairman for the Pony Express Territory.

**Motion:** Bruce Setterstrom. To send one board member, Lorraine Clark and two staff members.

**Motion seconded.** Lorraine Clark      **unanimously approved**      **motion carried**

**2. Approval to Co-Sponsor Children's Halloween Party October 28, 2016:** Lori Romero asked if the Board would be willing to co-sponsor the annual event again this year. She asked what the fee would be and they would pay that. Lorraine Clark commented that the event has been increasing traffic in the downtown area on that day.

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To approve co-sponsoring the Annual Children's Halloween Party

**Motion seconded.** Bruce Setterstrom.      **unanimously approved**      **motion carried**

**3. Approval to Allocate \$15,000 of Convention Center Events Budget towards Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas:** It was explained that funds are budgeted to cover expenses associated with the entertainment and childrens' portion of the festival.

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To allocate \$15,000.00 to the Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas event.

**Motion seconded.** Ernie Flangas. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

### III. Old Business

**1. Consideration of Legal Action and Remedies Regarding City of Ely Ordinance Collecting Room Tax Revenue from Tourism & Recreation Board:** Ernie explained that there hasn't been any new information brought forward on this matter.

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To table the item until we have more information

**Motion seconded.** Ernie Flangas. **Approved 2 Aye with Bruce Setterstrom abstaining** **motion carried**

**2. Approval of Tourism & Recreation Facilities Grant 0002-16 WP County Golf Course:** Ernie Flangas stated that the golf course is receiving the .5% from the city already and he did not feel that there should be more awarded.

**Died for lack of motion**

**3. Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas:** Bunny Hill stated that they are proceeding with the festival and want to have the kids and the trees as well as the Crafter's Festival. Re Voiced is tentatively scheduled to perform again. Lori Drew said that the staff feels the event is very important. The event supports the CACH program through the fashion show, the school kids get a great opportunity, the final night provides funding to the Service Club as well as the decorations are used by Convention Center customers for decorations for Christmas parties, the Crafters' Festival helps locals with home businesses, and the decorations are also used for the Christmas Day dinner.

**4. Update from SH Architecture/CORE Construction:** There is no update from SH Architecture.

**5. White Pine Golf Course Update:** Lorraine Clark reported that Randy Long is currently out of town. The mine tournament was a huge success. There are no residual effects from the cave convention and the next meeting will be in September.

**6. Approval of July 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes and August 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** July 21, 2016 meeting did not have a quorum.

**Motion:** Bruce Setterstrom. To approve the August 4, 2016 meeting minutes.

**Motion seconded.** Lorraine Clark. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**7. Review of the Financial Report:**

**Motion:** Bruce Setterstrom. To accept financial report as presented.

**Motion seconded.** Lorraine Clark. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**8. Approval to Ratify Bills:**

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To approve to pay check numbers 22147 through 22190, totaling \$104,042.49.

**Motion seconded.** Bruce Setterstrom. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**9. Correspondence:** Lori Drew read a thank you note from the C.A.C.H. program.

**10. Nevada Northern RR Director's Report:** The report is in the packet

**11. Executive Director's Report:** No report.

**12. Staff Report:** Lori Drew reported that the report showed an increase in visitors as well as there being a 10.6% increase in room tax revenue over July 2015 which is being attributed to the cave convention.

**13. Board Member Reports:** Bruce Setterstrom had no report. Lorraine Clark reported they were preparing for the farmers market. There are more pavers that have been installed at the village, the cave exhibit has moved to Baker and the last fun Friday was a big success. Trick or Treat the Street and the tree lighting are coming up. In September of next year the national conference for heritage areas will be held in our area. Ernie Flangas reported that he attended the fuel tax meeting and that it looked to be very beneficial to the community.

**IV. Public Comment:** Bunny Hill reported to the board that the Silver State Classic would be here next month and that her goal was to register 130 cars. Next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and planning for that event will starting soon. George Chachas expressed that he has concern that items on the agenda have no back up.

**V. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion seconded:** Bruce Setterstrom. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**Minutes submitted by:** Meg Rhoades

**Minutes approved by:**

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Date