

## White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 28, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room

<b>Members Present:</b>	Ernie Flangas Jacki Hansen Lorraine Clark Richard Howe	<b>Staff Present:</b>	Ed Spear Lori Drew Scott Husbands
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**Members Absent:** Bruce Setterstrom

**Public Present:** Wayne Cameron  
Bill Calderwood  
Melody Van Camp  
George Chachas

Ernie Flangas called to order the meeting of the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board at 10:00 a.m. on July 28, 2016 in the White Pine Room of the Bristlecone Convention Center. Lorraine Clark led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### I. **Public Comment:**

Melody Van Camp attended one of the Night Time Sky events at Great Basin National Park. She didn't feel that others attending knew much about Ely. George Chachas stated that he had come in to get a packet and had to wait to get it. He said he has asked for reports on conventions and Mr. Spear's bonus and that he has not received that information. He has a concern on the agenda. He feels the golf course needs to be funded out of White Pine County's budget. He doesn't think that the Tourism & Recreation Board has the right to seek legal action against the City and that it had to come from the County Commission. He also feels that there should have been more done to remove weeds at the Renaissance Village before the Art Wine Walk.

### II. **New Business:**

#### 1. **Approval to Contribute Donations Received at July 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast to C.A.C.H.**

Ed Spear stated that \$571.00 was collected at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast.

**Motion:** Jacki Hansen. To donate the money raised at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast to the C.A.C.H. program.

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

#### 2. **Approval of Tourism & Recreation Facilities Grant 0002-16 WP County Golf Course:**

Ed Spear stated that the City is, as of July 1, 2016, collecting an additional .5% specifically going to the golf course. Jacki Hansen asked if the county was collecting the increase as well and Mr. Spear stated that the increase has not been on the county's

agenda as of yet. Richard Howe asked for clarification on the golf course grants that were already awarded. He stated that he would find out why the increase was not on the county's agendas yet.

**Motion:** Richard Howe. To table grant 0002-16 until he can find out why the County has not put the increase on their agenda.

**Motion seconded:** Lorraine Clark **2 ayes**, Jacki Hansen **against** **motion carried**

**3. Approval to Re-print Area Maps:** Lori Drew explained that originally only 2000 of the folded new maps were printed with the knowledge that after the first distribution there would probably be changes. We are currently out of the folded and those ordered in pad form are going fast.

**Motion:** Jacki Hansen. To approve reprinting 10,000 of the area maps.

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

**4. Approval to Print New Small Ely Brochure:** Lori Drew stated that this is the brochure we send to foreign countries when information is requested. The new brochure will be larger than the previous brochure but will require the same amount of postage.

**Motion:** Richard Howe. To approve the printing 9,750 of the new Ely brochure.

**Motion seconded:** Jacki Hansen **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**5. Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas:** Ed Spear stated that it is getting more and more stressful, physically and monetarily, putting this event together each year. He has spoken with the Great Basin Service Club and they are looking at how they can take on the program. Richard Howe stated that he doesn't want the event handed off he hopes that Mr. Spear will stay doing this as he has done an amazing job. Jacki Hansen stated that she has watched the staff and volunteers work with Mr. Spear over the years and with the negative comments she can understand why he is considering backing away. She hopes that the event will continue in some capacity. Lorraine Clark agreed with Jacki. Mr. Spear said that he is working with the club on what can be done for the event in the future.

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To table the discussion on the Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas.

**Motion seconded:** Jacki Hansen **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 and Recreation Board:** Scott Husbands stated that he recommends tabling again and have the board stay for a litigation session after the meeting.

**Motion:** Richard Howe. To table the item.

**Motion seconded.** Lorraine Clark. Jacki Hansen stated that she is sad that it has come to the point of the money needing to be spent to litigate this item. **unanimously approved** **motion carried**

**2. Update from SH Architecture/CORE Construction:** Ed Spear explained that at the last meeting the board and staff expressed the need of a double door entering into the main hall. SH Architecture drafted a plan for doing that. The change came in at \$15,000.00. No action is listed on the agenda so a special meeting will take place.

**3. White Pine Golf Course Update:** Lorraine Clark stated that the golf course is no worse for the wear from the NSS Convention and that it is actually greener where the tents were. There will be a write up in the national golf magazine Golfdom. Mr. Long also asked if there would be any budget room for a sign north of town for the golf course. Lorraine stated that everyone from the convention she talked to said they were loving the community and the only problem they had was not enough time to see everything Ely had to offer so they would have to come back. Mr. Howe said that there was no problem with having the back nine closed and that you can hardly even tell the group was there.

**4. Approval of June 23, 2016 and June 29, 2016 Minutes:**

**Motion:** Jacki Hansen. To approve the June 23, 2016 and June 29, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

**5. Review of the Financial Report:** Ed Spear stated expenses came in below budget. He did make a line item adjustment moving \$1000.00 from payroll in general government and moved it to employee benefits and supplies and service to cover increased legal costs.

**Motion:** Lorraine Clark. To approve the financial report for July 2016.

**Motion seconded.** Jacki Hansen.      **unanimously approved**      **motion carried**

**6. Approval to Ratify Bills:**

**Motion:** Jacki Hansen. To ratify checks #22073-22146 in the amount of \$147,310.63

**Motion seconded.** Richard Howe.      **unanimously approved**      **motion carried**

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Nevada Northern RR Director's Report:** The report is in the packet. Jacki Hansen made the comment that there is a nice path from the museum to the railroad.

**9. Executive Director's Report:** Mr. Spear stated that there was so much time that went into the convention. Staff took time off to volunteer and have an information booth at the convention. Lori Drew and Meg Rhoades both volunteered their time. Mr. Spear requested a special meeting for the addition of the door in the main room, either Wednesday or Thursday. He explained to the board that he would be having shoulder surgery and would be off for an extended amount of time. Mr. Spear thanked the board and the staff for their work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast. He also stated that the war memorial displays were a huge hit for attendees.

**10. Staff Report:** Lori Drew reported that there were 143 walk in's recorded on the tourism inquiry sheet for June. Ed Spear also told the board about an opportunity to participate with an information booth at a Rotary event in Reno.

**11. Board Member Report:** Jacki had no report. Lorraine recommended that anyone who had not seen the current cave exhibit, brought in by the NSS and the Great Basin Heritage Area, at the Art Bank they take the time to do so. Anthony Itheralde sold out of his book at a book signing. The Art Wine Walk was the largest ever with over 350 guests. The Farmers Market starts August 27<sup>th</sup> and the Garnet has Wally Cuchine's art collection on display in the basement. The mural sponsored by Paul Kellogg should be completed by mid-September. Ernie Flangas commented that there is advertisement in Utah at this time for Great Basin National Park. He also enjoyed getting to meet and talk to the cavers. Lori Drew stated that every state and seven countries was represented. Richard Howe mentioned that on August 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration at the park for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park System.

**IV. Public Comment:** Melody Van Camp complimented the board on the new billboard at the end of Mill Street. George Chachas commented he had concerns about a letter to the editor and that he felt that there should have been microphones in the AT & T public meeting.

**V. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Richard. To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion seconded:** Jacki Hansen      **unanimously approved**      **motion carried**

**Minutes submitted by:** Meg Rhoades

**Minutes approved by:**

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**Name**

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**Date**