



DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

The Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board of Directors met on February 6, 2024, at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center, Mountain City, TN 37683.

Board Members Present: Larry Potter (zoom), Gabby Lynch, Mona Alderson, Kristy Herman, Jerry Jordon, Tim Sain, Ray Stout, Frank Arnold, Anne Marshall (zoom), Anthony Duncan (zoom), and Lynn Tully (zoom)

Board Members Absent: Ron Ramsey and Jerry Grindstaff

DMRA Staff Present: Executive Director Charles Ridlehuber, Board Liaison Brie Novack, and other staff.

Others Present: One member of the public was present.

1. Vice-Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. **Public Comment Period:**

No Public comments.

3. **Minutes of December 5, 2023 Meeting**

Kristy Herman moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting; Ray Stout seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Financial Report**

Treasurer Kristy Herman reported. The Financial Report is filed with the minutes. As of January 30, 2023, the account balance at Johnson County Bank was \$163,410.28 and the Edward Jones balance was \$3,414,651.13. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

5. **Master Plan Update**

Jim Ford with McGill and Associates reported via Zoom; Mike Norris was also present via Zoom. Ford summarized the DMRA goals, Master Plan discovery process, and DMRA assets and opportunities. He briefed two possible scenarios:

- Minor facility w/ program improvements
- Single-track Mecca on the East Coast

Ford noted that the acquisition of additional property adjoining DMRA would accommodate more opportunities. A public meeting will be held March 5, prior to finalization of the Master Plan. Charles Ridlehuber commented on how the “TDEC Grants Intent to Apply” proposals tie into land acquisition and the draft Master Plan.

Mona Alderson moved to authorize the Executive Committee to explore land acquisition opportunities, pay for any due diligence expenses, and authorize earnest money expenditures not to exceed \$10,000, related to the expansion of DMRA property consistent with Master Plan recommendations (any final acquisition would require full Board approval). Tim Sain seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

6. **Trail Assessment Report**

Charles Ridlehuber reported that the Fusco report would be added to the Master Plan.

7. **Shooting Sports Complex Planning and Design RFQ**

Charles Ridlehuber reported that the environmental assessment cannot be completed until DMRA has a design and plan for the complex. In response to an RFQ, DMRA received one response from Griggs & Maloney for the planning, design, bid, and construction oversight of the shooting sports complex. Kristy Herman moved, with a second by Frank Arnold, to select Griggs and Maloney for this work. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Intend to Apply: TDEC Grants**

Charles Ridlehuber summarized the projects proposed to be included in the “Intent to Apply” to be submitted to TDEC. Gabby Lynch moved, with a second by Ray Stout, to approve the proposed Intent to Apply projects; the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Legislative Update**

Mona Alderson reported that, with support from Courtney Atnip with C5, Senator Crowe and Representative Hill filed a proposed legislative amendment that would authorize the DMRA to approve the application of state employee benefits to DMRA employees.

10. **Year in Review**

Charles Ridlehuber reviewed some of the year's highlights; the slides are filed with the minutes.

11. **Staff Updates:**

Charles Ridlehuber and Brie Novack summarized recent actions and developments in the following areas. An update is filed with the minutes.

- Brie Novack reported that the Economic Impact Study Reimbursement is all done except for Mountain City, which is in process. The RTP reimbursement requests are up to date, and the work has been completed.
- Revised Logo - Charles Ridlehuber pointed out options
- Yamaha Grant/ONX mapping/Polaris Grant - work in progress
- Program Calendar - filed with minutes

12. **Closed session: Litigation**

Mona Alderson briefed on the lawsuit filed by Kim Reece against DMRA. Gabby Lynch moved, with a second by Jerry Jordan, to authorize hiring a private law firm to represent DMRA if the Tennessee Attorney General declines representation. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next DMRA Board meeting will be April 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center.

There being no other business, Frank Arnold moved, with a second by Kristy Herman, to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed; Vice-Chairman Lynch adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona B. Alderson
Secretary, DMRA

The mission of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority is to transform Doe Mountain into a safe, fun, family-oriented, multi-use outdoor recreational destination that promotes local economic development while conserving and protecting its beauty, woods, water and wildlife.