



**DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD**

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

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

Board Members Present: Larry Potter, Gabby Lynch, Mona Alderson, Kristy Herman, Jerry Jordon, Jerry Grindstaff, Ray Stout, Tim Sain, Ann Marshall, Anthony Duncan (zoom), and Dennis Tumlin (zoom)

Board Members Absent: Frank Arnold, Lynn Tully

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

Others Present: Two members of the public - Robert Genaille and Jamie Meade - were present. Jon Davenport from Appalachian State was present for the Camera Trapping presentation.

1. Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He introduced Jamie Meade, who has been recommended to the Lt. Governor for a vacant Board position. This was also the first meeting for Dennis Tumlin, representing the Tennessee Department of Tourism Development; he introduced himself and was welcomed.

**2. Public Comment Period**

Robert Genaille, a resident of the Harbin Hill community, spoke regarding flooding that happened in the neighborhood on June 30, 2024. He requested DMRA work with Johnson County to help with the water runoff coming from Doe Mountain during severe rain events. Executive Director Ridlehuber noted several recent actions taken by staff on Trails 1 and 11 to help with the runoff.

**3. Minutes of June 4, 2024 Meeting**

Kristy Herman moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 meeting; Ray Stout seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Financial Report**

Treasurer Kristy Herman reported. The Financial Accounting as of July 31, 2024, is filed with the minutes. As of July 31, 2024, the account balance at Johnson County Bank was \$105,427.16, and the Edward Jones balance was \$3,082,906.66. Ray Stout moved, with a second by Jerry Jordan, to approve the Treasurer’s report; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. DMRA Camera Trapping Study**

Jon Davenport, Ph.D., from Appalachian State University, presented an overview of three years of research conducted by his students on Doe Mountain. A camera trapping study has focused on species presence and diversity; he is also leading more in-depth salamander research.

**6. Pedro Shoun Property Master Plan**

Ridlehuber reported that McGill and Associates has submitted a proposal to prepare a master plan for the Pedro Shoun property. They propose an extension of services (to the original master plan contract) not to exceed \$57,830.00 for the project. Mona Alderson moved, with a second by Kristy Herman, to accept this proposal; the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Non-Motorized Trails Plan**

Ridlehuber requested permission to put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to prepare a non-Motorized Trails Plan for Doe Mountain. Jerry Grindstaff moved, with a second by Anne Marshall, to put out an RFQ for such a plan; the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Board of Directors**

Mona Alderson updated the Board on reappointments and status of filing the current vacancy left by Ron Ramsey’s resignation.

**9. Staff Updates**

- a. Administrative: Brie Novack informed the Board that copies of the 2023 financial audit are available. She is waiting on the final RTP reimbursement. Novack also reported that Doe would soon be switching over the Point of Sale

software and rolling out new “Doe” merchandise.

b. Construction/Maintenance: Ridlehuber reported that Jim Swift and crew have a lot going on; the heavy rain the prior week required additional maintenance.

c. Events: Ridlehuber reported that the night rides have been well-attended and that rentals are doing well, especially with out-of-towners. Seven new Polaris machines will soon be arriving. A benefit rib cookoff sponsored by the Elks Mill/Poga Fire Department at Doe Mountain went well, raising \$12,000 for the Fire department.

#### 10. **Next Meeting**

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

#### 11. **Adjournment**

Tim Sain moved, with a second from Gabby Lynch, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, and there being no other business, Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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.*