



DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Note: The October DMRA Board Meeting was cancelled in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which did significant damage to the area.

The Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board of Directors met on December 3, 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, Tim Sain, Frank Arnold, Lynn Tully (zoom), Anthony Duncan (zoom), and Dennis Tumlin (zoom)

Board Members Absent: Ray Stout, Ann Marshall

DMRA Staff Present: Executive Director Charles Ridlehuber, Board Liaison Brie Novack, and three members of the trail staff

Others: Jamie Meade, nominated to serve on the Board, joined via zoom.

1. Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment Period:** None.

3. **Minutes of August 6, 2024 Meeting**

Kristy Herman moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting; Gabby Lynch seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Financial Report**

Treasurer Kristy Herman reported. The Financial Accounting as of December 3, 2024, is filed with the minutes. The account balance at Skyline (formerly Johnson County) Bank was \$303,705.37, and the Edward Jones balance was \$2,931,999.66, for a total of \$3,240,705.03. The Edward Jones history is as follows:

Last 12 Months 5.40% rate of return
YTD 4.55% rate of return
3 years 3.75% rate of return

Jerry Jordan moved, with a second by Frank Arnold, to approve the Treasurer's report; the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Adventure Center purchase from Johnson County**

Kristy Herman raised the planned purchase by DMRA of the Adventure Center from Johnson County for \$220,000.00. She recommended we make the purchase now. Frank Arnold moved, with a second by Tim Sain, to purchase the Adventure Center property from Johnson County for \$220,000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Polaris Slingshot Rental Program**

Executive Director Ridlehuber proposed adding three slingshot vehicles to the Polaris rental fleet. Kristy Herman moved, with a second by Jerry Jordan, to approve leasing three of the vehicles for a three year term. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. **Hurricane Helene Recovery**

Executive Director Ridlehuber recognized the Doe Mountain staff for all the work they have done on recovery from the hurricane damage. 100% of non-motorized trails and 90% of side-by-side trails are now open. 70% of motorcycle trails are still closed; they are more difficult because of their remote nature and the inability to use heavy equipment to access the damaged areas.

8. **Staff Updates:**

a) Brie Novack briefed on several items:

- Audit: The FY24 Audit is mostly wrapped up; a draft should be forthcoming.
- RTP: We have been reimbursed for the final RTP submission for the last grant.
- New RTP Grant: TDEC will hold a check presentation ceremony on December 17 in Kingsport. Board members should contact Novack if they would like to attend.
- Legislative Actions: Staff has been working to get Senator Crowe and Representative Hill to Doe Mountain for a visit and briefings.
- FEMA: Friday is the staff's second meeting with FEMA; they believe DMRA will be reimbursed for many of the costs of Helene recovery (labor and equipment).

b) Charles Ridlehuber briefed on several items:

- Pedro Shoun Road Master Plan: McGill & Associates will be here December 13.
- Shooting Sports Complex: the environmental assessment is finished, and we will soon be able to start construction.
- Ridlehuber is drafting an RFQ for non-motorized planning.

- Recent Google Analytics and Social Media results.
- New Polaris Elite Program with some advantages for Doe, which is being rolled into this program.
- The Veterans Day Trail run was well received.
- Doe is again conducting a toy drive on December 7 with toys going to Positive Thinkers for distribution.
- Jen Skarsaune will lead a New Years Day hike at Doe.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next DMRA Board meeting will be February 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center.

10. **Adjournment**

Tim Sain moved, with a second from Frank Arnold, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, and, there being no other business, Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:46 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.