



Douglas County Travel and Tourism, Inc.
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes Special Called Meeting

(12/21/2020 @ 10:00 AM)

Teleconference Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER @ 10:03am

Dorsha Simmons

ROLL CALL

Evony Hammonds

Dorsha Simmons, President (Present)
Coriya Burns Falker, Vice President (Present)
Marjorie Stansel, Treasurer (Absent)
Charmaine DePass (Present)
Susan Henderson (Absent)
Jamil Foster (Present)
Terence Eady (Present)

INVOCATION

Dorsha Simmons

ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

Dorsha Simmons

NEW BUSINESS

Dorsha Simmons

1. DCTT Executive Director candidate interviews

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Evony Hammonds to become a consultant to do work as Executive Director of DCTT
Motion: Madam Vice President – To approve Evony Hammonds to become a consultant to do work as Executive Director of DCTT.
Seconded - Jamil
Approved – Unanimously

DISCUSSION:

1. Use of TPD funds for renovations of DC History and Arts Museum

Madam President – Shared she sent board members a PowerPoint presentation from the Department of Community Affairs. Also shared she spoke with her commissioner, and as DCTT has been given TPF 18.75% of hotel motel tax, wouldn't it be great to turn the Douglas County Museum of History & Art into a 21st century museum?
Also,

1. Shared she has a meeting today with Emily Lightner, the Director of the Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville/Douglas County (CAC). As the CAC is a 501c(3), Hotel Motel Tax cannot legally be expended through a 501c(3). The meeting was called by Emily in hopes to reallocate the monies back to the CAC, but we now know that is illegal. However, the funds can be used for an history museum, art museum, a trail, and/or wayfinding signage.

2. Shared Susanne at the museum has asked her to come by this week to discuss funding of the museum. There was a meeting with the commissioners, and they told the three entities that they de-funded, if they wanted their funds, they need to come to DCTT President and Board and ask for it. Also informed board as the DMO, DCTT cannot expend the TPD money. Only the government can, or the county government can allocate it as TCT money. So, she will speak to her commissioner to let her know, to be in line with the law. If that money is going to come to DCTT, then those funds will need to be converted to TCT. If the money is going to stay TPD, then the county government needs to allocate it and not the DMO.

3. Expressed a need for a call with the DCA contact and Evony to get a checklist of everything the board needs to know about the funds.

Asked Evony to find out how much DCTT agreed to pay for Connally, Jordan & Associates, PC, CPA, as the contract was signed prior to the board being formed. Questioned, if they're doing DCTT taxes, maybe they could also do DCTT's audited financial statements.

Shared she had an attorney look over the presented MOU. Says she will now have the updates made in the document. The budget update will need to go to the BOC by January 31st on how DCTT plans to spend the money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING: 1/13/2020 @ 10:30am

ADJOURNMENT @ 11:01am