

OCTVB Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 | 5:30 pm
Oconee State Bank Headquarters

In attendance: Candice Meeler, Deesha Hagwood, Sarah Cumuze, Amber Deutsch, and Stephanie VanDyck

Absentees: Dean Bright, Casey Deming

Staff: Kristy Johnson, Joann Hubert

Candice Meeler called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Introductions were made for the new board appointee, Amber Deutsch

Sarah Cumuze moved for approval of the agenda; Deesha Hagwood seconded—none opposed

Sarah Cumuze moved for approval of the May meeting minutes; Stephanie VanDyck seconded—none opposed

1. Financial Update – Candice Meeler reported that current year income and expenses are in-line with projections for the end of the fiscal year. There has been no bill from the County yet so we will backdate when that comes through. The County did approve the budget submitted for FY22, and Candice reminded everyone that it is similar to the FY21 budget.

Deesha Hagwood moved to approve the financials, Sarah Cumuze seconded – none opposed.

2. Directors Report

Kristy Johnson provided everyone with the overview for the months of May and June. Numbers are continuing to rise so we are closer to Pre-Covid numbers. Merchandise did well in May (\$655.18) and June (\$1008.01). We will need to restock before August.

Eagle Tavern Update—Completion of the project is expected by September 1, with tours to resume in mid-September. Foundation work is complete and now work on the front porch and back ramp continues—those had to be brought to code.

Kristy did present some landscaping options to the board for Eagle Tavern using the TCP funds. Concerns about vandalism and “non-visitor hour guests” was brought up, and the board talked about making sure signage is posted for when visitors can go inside. Stephanie VanDyck asked about historic property guidelines and Kristy said she was not aware of any that affected the lawn area.

Kristy also met with the Mayor about wayfinding signage being a Watkinsville City project. This would be in an effort to coordinate with the Oconee County gateway signage. She also presented to Mayor Broderick about plans for Rocket Field. If something does pass, then this board could help with funding, but right now, it is up to the County to decide whether or not to move forward.

Sarah Cumuze moved for approval of the staff recommendations for the TCP funding should the opportunity present itself; Amber Deutsch seconded—none opposed

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Amber Deutsch moved to adjourn; Candice Meeler seconded – none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.