

## MINUTES OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX BOARD

Tuesday, April, 21, 2020 2:30 p.m.

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Occupancy Tax Board, was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Members present Jim Fielding, Joe Desjardins, Susan Noel, Kerry Moore, Roxanne Slayton, a quorum, was present.

Staff Present; Stephanie Mervine, Special Events & Outreach Manager and Juanita Jennings, Public Affairs Director.

### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Kerry Moore motioned to approve the agenda to include moving agenda item number 13 to item number 2 and, to table item number 12 the Lodgers' Tax Funding Request for the UFO Festival 2020 until the August Occupancy Tax Board meeting. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 5 to 0 and the motion passed.

### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Kerry Moore motioned to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Susan Noel was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and the motion passed.

### **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The meeting was livestreamed for the public due to COVID-19. Juliana Halvorson participated via Go-To-Meeting and discussed the submission of the request for Lodgers' Tax Funding for the UFO Festival 2021.

### **F. REGULAR / NEW ITEMS**

2. Consider applications to recommend to the Mayor for expiring positions of Tourist Related and At- Large.

Kerry Moore and Jim Fielding left the room at 2:40 p.m.

Roxanne Slayton motioned to recommend Jim Fielding for the At Large position. Susan Noel was the second. After a brief discussion, a voice vote was 3 to 0, and the motion passed.

Roxanne Slayton motioned to recommend Kerry Moore for the Tourist related position. Joe Desjardins was the second. After a brief discussion, a voice vote was 3-0 and the motion passed.

Kerry Moore and Jim Fielding came back into the room at 2:56 p.m.

3. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for the UFO Festival 2020. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend funding up \$9,000 with a reimbursement at 100% of eligible expenses. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed.

4. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for Bottomless Triathlon. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend not to fund. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 3-2 and motion passed, with Joe Desjardins and Jim Fielding voting no.

5. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for 15th Annual Roswell Jazz Festival. . After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend funding up to \$2,000 with a reimbursement at 50% of eligible expenses. Susan Noel was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed.

6. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for NM Aviation Aerospace STEM Expo. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend not to fund. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 3-2 and motion passed with Joe Desjardins and Jim Fielding voting no.

7. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for Rio Pecos Kennel Club Dog Show. After a brief discussion, Roxanne Slayton motioned to recommend up to \$1,200 with a reimbursement at 50% of eligible expenses. Susan Noel was the second. Kerry Moore motioned to amend the recommendation up to \$500. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed as amended.

8. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding Request for Eastern NM State Fair. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend funding up to \$9,000 with a reimbursement at 50% of eligible expenses. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed.

9. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for Roswell Symphony Orchestra Concert. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend not to fund. Susan Noel was the second. Roxanne Slayton motioned to amend the recommend up to \$500 at 50% of eligible expenses. Kerry Moore was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed as amended.

10. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for Chile Cheese Festival. After a brief discussion, Kerry Moore motioned to recommend not to fund. Roxanne Slayton was the second. A voice vote was 4-1 and motion passed with Joe Desjardins voting no.

11. Consider Lodgers' Tax Funding request for Piñata Festival. After a brief discussion, Jim Fielding motioned to recommend not to fund. Kerry Moore was the second. A voice vote was 5-0 and motion passed.

H. Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is May 19, 2020.