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WCEDC BOARD Minutes
QUITMAN CIVIC CENTER
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Minutes of November 5, 2020, at 5:30 pm

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Attendees: Jim Berry, Tom Callan, Tom Keenan, Mike Simmons, Craig Lindholm, Allene Doggett, Vic Savelli, and Lee Smith. Quorum Present.
Members not present: Gregg Hollen, Gwen Winters, Neal Duncan, and Rodney Kieke.
Others Present: Larry Tucker with Wood County Monitor, Roger Johnson WCEDC Executive Director
Citizen Comment: None

Old Business
Consent Agenda

October 1st Minutes: No discussion. Motion by Craig and seconded by Tom to approve. A vote carried unanimously with the condition that Roger revises to include invoices that were approved.

Financials: Jim Berry presented the Financial report. Mr. Berry discussed available funds both for HOT Funds and General Fund. Hot Funds budget for 2020 was $131,700, with $122,074 spent. The decrease in HOT funds revenue was due to the canceling of events.

All the invoices were considered and approved unanimously, except The County Line Magazine which was tabled for further investigation. The motion was made by Lee Smith and seconded by Tom Callan. Invoices approved were: Wood County Monitor ($63,00), Xerox ($172.96), Wood County Airport ($550.00), Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament ($5,000.00), & Winnsboro Art & Wine Festival ($4,500.00). The County Line Magazine ($5,040.00) will be discussed by the Executive Committee.

New Business:

The Bassmaster tournament is taking place this weekend., There will be limited attendance and no local vendors. Tom Keenan, Alleene Doggett, and Roger Johnson were volunteers that worked the tournament.

We are setting up the Free Small Business Seminars with TJC to give free business classes in Wood County. We will market it through the Chambers of Commerce and the EDC's.

We changed the WCEDC meeting times from the first Thursday to the third Wednesday of the month, starting in January. The motion was made by Tom Keenan and seconded by Lee Smith. Passed unanimously

Committee Reports: Vic Savelli gave his Marketing/Adverting report regarding the first meeting to establish the program that we will The next year, follow through to bring in people to move to Wood County and establish more tourism and businesses.

Executive Directors Report:

We discussed the finishing up of the Coronavirus Relief Fund program. I brought in Mike Simmons on a discussion of what Wood County will be doing to improve the Wood County tax abatement programs. The WCEDC needed a tax abatement and job incentive program. The abatement work being looked at by Roger Johnson and Mike Simmons would tie into Craig Lindholm's Economic Development Committee. Mike Simmons brought up the changes in Wood County compared to the other local counties in their abatement procedures and how to adopt Wood County's abatement changes.

We discussed Jim Berry's idea of promoting the development of a major outfitter to locate a Lodge similar to Big Cedar Lodge on Tablerock Lake in the area. Roger was to follow up.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Tom Keenan and seconded by Tom Callan. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.