



Pickens County Accommodations Tax Committee Meeting

Minutes of May 24, 2022 meeting in person at the PRT office

Members in Attendance: Lisa Turnick, Barbara Shehan, Russ Gantt, Meg Robertson

Staff in Attendance: Allison Fowler

The Pickens County Accommodations Tax Committee met on May 24, 2022 at 3:30pm in the PRT office to review the remaining applications for this funding cycle.

The committee reviewed the following applications and had the following comments:

- Pickens Azalea Festival: this application was received three weeks after the deadline; Ms. Shehan made a motion for the organization to reapply in 2023 due to late application, second by Mr. Gantt. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Pickens County Veterans Affairs: organization submitted additional information for review; this event will bring tourists if advertised well; Ms. Turnick made a motion to recommend \$23,000 with a second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Central Main Street: committee does not view the event as a tourism event; Ms. Robertson made a motion to not recommend funding, second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail: organization with a good track record; Ms. Shehan made a motion to recommend \$4,602 with a second by Ms. Robertson. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Town of Six Mile: Ms. Turnick made a motion to recommend \$5,000 of funding for the marketing of the festival only, second by Ms. Robertson. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Cruz Outdoors: Ms. Robertson made a motion to recommend \$1,755 with a second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- The Sanctuary: committee feels organization should reapply next year with more detail; Ms. Turnick made a motion to not recommend funding, second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Hagood Mill Foundation, Blacksmithing and Woodworking: committee thinks it best to wait until the campground project has been completed before funding additional facilities; Ms. Robertson made a motion to not recommend funding; second by Mr. Gantt. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Hagood Mill Foundation, Native American Celebration: successful event with good track record; Ms. Robertson made a motion to recommend \$10,000 with a second by Ms. Turnick. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Saluda Saunter: committee thinks organization should reapply next year when more information is known; Ms. Turnick made a motion to not recommend funding with a second by Mr. Gantt. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Table Rock Tea Company: great addition to the agri-tourism facility; Ms. Shehan made a motion to recommend \$35,000 with a second by Ms. Robertson. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Pickens County PRT: great investment in to the ATAX fund; Ms. Robertson made a motion to recommend \$17,000 with a second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Clemson Aquatic Team: Mr. Gantt made a motion to recommend funding for the 2022 events only at \$13,690 with a second by Ms. Robertson. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- HUK Disc Golf: good exposure, provides hotel stays; Ms. Robertson made a motion to recommend \$4,000 with a second by Ms. Shehan. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- Senior League World Series: Ms. Shehan made a motion to recommend funding marketing and transportation expenses at \$30,000 with a second by Mr. Gantt. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

No other meetings are currently scheduled for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.