



SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

A meeting of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board of Directors was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the First Tennessee Development District, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. Board Members Present

Dave Jones	Carolyn Hawkins	
Gabby Lynch	Ron Ramsey	Mike Farmer
Mike Taylor	Frank Arnold	Ray Stout
Kristy Herman	Jerry Grindstaff	

Absent: Don Hurst, Anne Marshall, Kevin Parsons, Dan Reese, Tim Sain

DMRA Staff and Guests Present:

Tate Davis, Executive Director
Lynn Hicks
Angie Stout
Gloria Griffiths
Lance Lowery
Bob Richards

II. Minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed. R. Stout noted that the July minutes did not reflect his absence. **R. Stout motioned for approval of the minutes. C. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

IV. Financial Report

F. Arnold reported that the DMRA's Johnson County bank account's cash position as of August 31, 2019 is \$117,198.01. The DMRA's Johnson County agency fund is currently at a (\$10,017.40) balance due to the fact that funds need to be transferred from the Johnson County Bank account to the county fund,

which the Treasurer will complete this evening. **C. Hawkins motioned that there be standing approval for government grant reimbursements to be routed directly from Johnson County Bank account to the agency fund without having to seek case-by-case permissions from the Board. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. G. Lynch motioned to approve the financial report. C. Hawkins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

V. Special Discussion Item: Sunset Hearing Update

T. Davis had previously forwarded to the full Board an email copy of the DMRA's responses to the upcoming Legislative Sunset Hearing in Nashville on Sept. 17, 2019. T. Davis, M. Taylor, and G. Lynch will attend the hearing on the Board's behalf. G. Lynch noted the Executive Director's huge effort to prepare the hearing responses amidst the busiest summer of pass sales to date.

Special Discussion Item: Forest Carbon Project

G. Lynch shared a recent update from the DMRA's carbon consultant, Bluesource. **F. Arnold motioned that the Board approve Bluesource entering a one-year contract with a prospective client that would result in four quarterly payments for carbon credits at a price of \$7.50 per carbon credit. R. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.** A guest asked if trees cleared for trail corridors, which is permitted in the carbon agreement's restrictions, could be sold or given away for lumber, firewood, etc. M. Taylor asked G. Lynch to research the topic.

VI. Executive Director's Report

T. Davis reported on record user pass sales, increasing outreach via social media, grant-funded trail work, upcoming events, and priorities for future recreation area improvements.

M. Taylor showed slides about potential public routes in and around Mountain City that, if opened to OHV use, would allow Doe Mountain riders to access 12+ restaurants, 3+ grocery stores, etc. The issue has been getting the Mountain City town council to support. Multiple Board members talked about presenting the potential routes to the city aldermen at the council's next meeting.

VII. Individual Committee Reports:

- a. Marking & Outreach/Business Development: T. Davis reported for committee Chairman Dennis Shekinah, who was absent. Germain Media is now under contract to begin the DMRA's website rebuild.
- b. Roads & Trails: No report.
- c. Hunting & Shooting Sports: No report.
- d. Natural Resources: G. Griffiths reported the Bog Learning Network's volunteer work day coming up at the skunk cabbage wetland near Morefield Branch entrance. The work day is scheduled for September 26th and will be aimed at reducing invasive multiflora roses from the rare skunk cabbage's habitat.
- e. Master Planning: No report.

f. Executive: Committee business covered under other agenda items.

VII. Other Business:

Discussion ensued about WJHL TV segments about Doe Mountain vis-à-vis the sunset hearing.

VIII. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

The next meeting will be set for Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Tennessee Development District office in Johnson City, Tennessee.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by M. Taylor at 2:09 pm. G. Lynch seconded.

Minutes Taken By:



Gabrielle K. Lynch
DMRA Corresponding Secretary

The mission of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority is to transform Doe Mountain into a safe, fun, family-oriented, multi-use outdoor recreational destination that promotes local economic development while conserving and protecting its beauty, woods, water and wildlife.