



AUGUST 3, 2021 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. Eastern time on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Johnson County Welcome Center, Mountain City, TN.

I. Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Frank Arnold	Jerry Jordan
Gabby Lynch	Ray Stout
Jerry Grindstaff	Ron Ramsey
Kristy Herman	Dan Reese
Tim Sain	Mike Taylor
Anne Marshall	

Board Members Absent: Anthony Duncan, Dave Jones

DMRA Staff and Guests Present:

Rep. Scotty Campbell
Angie Stout
Lynn Hicks
Dennis Shekinah
Gloria Griffith

II. **K. Herman motioned to approve the Board meeting minutes from the June 1, 2021 Board meeting. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

IV. Financial Report – Treasurer Frank Arnold reported. As of June 30, 2021, the DMRA’s cash position in its Johnson County Bank checking account is \$1,574,247. The DMRA’s cash balance in its Johnson County Bank savings account is \$150,804. The DMRA’s cash position in its Johnson County agency fund account is \$163,878. **K. Herman motioned that the DMRA institute an accounting practice in which the DMRA Board Treasurer must receive a copy of background documentation for every check that the Treasurer writes. R. Ramsey seconded**

the motion. R. Stout motioned to approve the Financial Report. J. Grindstaff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Carbon Revenue Financial Management – G. Lynch reported for Chairman Reese. D. Reese is proceeding with Edward Jones financial group in Boone, NC to invest \$750,000 of the DMRA’s forest carbon revenue into a 2-year, low-risk portfolio.
- b. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Assignment for DMRA Rule Change Process – A. Marshall reported. Committee completed its review of the DMRA’s entire set of rules and identified problematic areas where more flexibility is needed to solve operational problems: i) Hunting and Weapons; ii) Off Highway Vehicles, and; iii) User Agreement/Fees. The Committee would like to eliminate mention of specific rates in the DMRA rules and have the ability to change the DMRA’s rate fees dynamically without going through rule-making procedures every time. Rep. Campbell advised that a rule-making hearing might be easier than applying for a legislative exemption. The DMRA needs to retain legal counsel to shepherd the process through and stay on a timeline. R. Ramsey said that he could help with any downtown Nashville needs.
- c. DMRA Executive Director (ED) Search Update – G. Lynch, F. Arnold, and K. Herman reported. G. Lynch reviewed a timeline of the Executive Committee’s search process for a new ED. F. Arnold and K. Herman reviewed a potential, dual-manager strategy that would split the existing ED job description into two new positions: A Chief Operations Officer and a Chief Communications Officer. The latter would be focused heavily on outside fundraising beyond user pass sales and forest carbon revenue, and partnership building. **R. Stout motioned that the Executive Committee have the authority to proceed with applicant interviews and, following that, recommend to the full Board either a single ED or two co-officer hiring structure. J. Grindstaff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Other Business:

Angie Stout noted that there is a permit application process for all new campgrounds pursuant to TN Annotated Code. The Johnson County Health Department is involved with those permits. There are campgrounds opening in the county that are not permitted. Angie asked the Board to please spread the word.

VIII. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 1 pm Eastern, location to be determined.

IX. Adjournment

G. Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Marshall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Lynch at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted 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.