



December 7, 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, December 7, 2021 at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center, Mountain City, TN.

I. Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Frank Arnold
Gabby Lynch
Kristy Herman
Tim Sain
Ray Stout
Mike Taylor
Gerald Parish
Anthony Duncan
Jerry Jordan

Board Members Absent: Jerry Grindstaff, Ron Ramsey, Dave Jones, Lynn Tully

DMRA Staff & Visitors Present:

Shawn Lindsey
Bob Richards
Cobbie Palmer
Kim Reece
Gloria Griffith
Lynn Hicks
Dennis Shekinah
Tate Davis
Joe Savery
Jeff Fritts

II. Approval of October 5, 2021 Minutes – **K. Herman motioned to approve the Board meeting minutes from the October 5, 2021 Board meeting. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Public Comment Period

Jeff Fritts and Joe Savery, representing the Johnson County Trails Association (JCTA) and Mountain Heritage Inc., respectively, updated the Board on plans to connect Laurel Creek Trail to both Damascus and Mountain City/Doe Mountain. This vision was born over 25 years ago and is more critical than ever given the unsustainable visitor pressure experienced at the Damascus trail heads. Several proponents from Virginia and Tennessee have supplied letters of support. JCTA is asking for the DMRA's participation in this partnership. **K. Herman motioned that the DMRA Board sign a letter of support or resolution that enables the DMRA Executive Director and staff to support the Damascus/Mountain City trail connection partnership with expertise, consulting, and other services, so long as Doe Mountain project priorities take precedence. G. Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Appointment of Mona Alderson to Fill Unfilled Vacancy

F. Arnold motioned that the DMRA Board recommend to the Johnson County Commission that former Board member Carolyn Hawkins' unfilled position be filled by Mona Alderson, pursuant to the process sanctioned by the DMRA's legislation. K. Herman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. M. Taylor will take this item to the Commission at its December 16, 2021 meeting for a vote of approval.

V. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

G. Parish motioned that Mike Taylor be elected Chairman; Gabby Lynch be elected Vice Chairman; Kristy Herman be elected Treasurer, and; Mona Alderson be elected Secretary. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Financial Report – Treasurer Frank Arnold and Office & Finance Manager Kim Reece reported. As of November 30, 2021, the DMRA's cash position in its Johnson County Bank checking account is \$1,259,156. The DMRA's cash balance in its Johnson County Bank savings account is \$401,239. The DMRA's cash position in its Johnson County agency fund account is \$115,791. The Edward Jones investment fund balance is \$748,563. S. Lindsey noted that investing the carbon revenue in the Local Government Investment Pool may yield greater returns and have more flexibility than the Edward Jones account, but that requires more investigation. **G. Lynch motioned to approve the Financial Report. T. Sain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. Budget Amendment

Executive Director Lindsey led the Board through a review of his mid-year budget amendment proposal that was provided to the Board prior to this meeting. **R. Stout motioned to approve the FY22 budget amendment as presented. K. Herman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. Resolution in Support of Application for a Grant with TWRA for Building the Northeast TN Sportsman Complex

T. Sain, S. Lindsey, F. Arnold and others have visited the Greene County shooting complexes and developed a conceptual plan and preliminary budget that T. Sain will put into the TWRA grant pipeline. **J. Jordan motioned to accept the resolution as presented. G. Parish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Awarding Lobbying Contract and Approval of Legislative Agenda for 2022

G. Lynch motioned to approve the \$15,000 lobbying contract and the four 2022 DMRA legislative priorities as presented. F. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Approval of E-Bike Rental Program and Capital Funds

F. Arnold motioned to adopt the E-bike rental program and storage building as presented. K. Herman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. G. Lynch and M. Alderson expressed concern that the e-bikes and other equipment not be purchased prematurely before a greater understanding is gained of which models are best suited to the Doe Mountain trail system. A. Duncan commented, and others agreed, that a comprehensive trail plan for bike use in general should occur first.

XI. Committee Volunteers and Appointments

One of Executive Director Lindsey's goals is to reinvigorate the DMRA's working committees. A DMRA staff person would be assigned to each committee to help facilitate the committee's meetings and work streams. M. Taylor and T. Sain suggested that the Executive Board committee make Board committee assignments and local volunteer recommendations at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

XII. Other Business: Executive Director's Updates – L. Shawn Lindsey

- a. Trail Expansion
- b. Trail Maintenance
- c. Motus Station
- d. Operation Outpost
- e. Town Connection
- f. Insurance
- g. Programs & Events

VIII. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 1 pm Eastern, Doe Mountain Adventure Center.

IX. Adjournment

F. Arnold motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Jordan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by M. Taylor at 3:04 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.