



DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD
Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2023

The Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board of Directors met on October 10, 2023, at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center, Mountain City, TN 37683.

Board Members Present: Gabby Lynch, Mona Alderson, Kristy Herman, Jerry Jordon, Frank Arnold, Jerry Grindstaff, and David Jones (zoom)

Board Members Absent: Larry Potter, Tim Sain, Ray Stout, Lynn Tully, Ron Ramsey, Anne Marshall, and Anthony Duncan

DMRA Staff Present: Executive Director Charles Ridlehuber and other staff

Others Present: Two members of the public.

1. Vice-Chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was not present; therefore, the meeting was informative only.

2. Public Comment Period

No members of the public had comments.

3. Minutes of August 1, 2023 Meeting

The minutes of the DMRA Board Meeting of August 1, 2023 will be presented at the December meeting for approval.

4. Financial Report

Treasurer Kristy Herman reported. The Financial Report is filed with the minutes. As of October 5, 2023, the account balance at Johnson County Bank was \$843,330.79, and the Edward Jones balance was \$2,998,062.56. CD income over the past year has amounted to \$122,597.00. We will maintain the Johnson County Bank around the FDIC

limit of \$250,000 FDIC, with the balance moved to CDs. The Financial Report will be presented at the December meeting for approval.

5. MOU with Johnson County for Equipment Lease:

Executive Director Ridlehuber summarized the proposed agreement between Johnson County and DMRA for the County to remain the fiscal agent for RTP funds earmarked for the Johnson County Trails Association. The funds will be used by DMRA to lease needed equipment.

6. Board Member Appreciation

Mona Alderson presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee to:

- (1) Recognize departing DMRA Board Members with a small logo item, such as a mug, and
- (2) Present departing Board Members who have served on the Board for at least three years with an Annual Pass to Doe Mountain.

Those present concurred. This practice will be initiated with recently retired TDEC representative, Gerald Parish.

7. Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Commissioner Visit:

Gabby Lynch related plans for the October 20 visit of TDEC Commissioner David Salyers, his Deputy, and several other representatives of TDEC to Doe Mountain. Board members are invited.

8. Staff Updates:

- RTP (Recreational Trails Program) Progress: Train Maintenance and Construction Supervisors Jim Swift and Josh Collins reported on the Trail 22 reroute and progress on viewing platforms (completed) and storm shelters.
- RTP Reimbursement: Administrative Assistant Brie Novack reported that DMRA had received RTP Reimbursement #5; approximately \$192,000 was deposited. She has submitted reimbursement request #6 (for approximately \$195,000) to TDEC.
- Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative Grant: Josh Collins is starting layout and preparations for a new beginners moto trail funded by this Grant.
- Spooktacular: This event will be October 28, at 4:00 p.m., with a night ride and pumpkin decorating, etc.
- Veterans Day Trail Challenge: November 11 at 1:00 p.m.: 7.5 run and 2 mile walk.
- Toy Drive with Big Bad Wolf Motorsports: Executive Director Ridlehuber shared a proposal for a toy drive, to be held one day in December, with donations of new unopened toys and Doe providing a free day pass. All present were supportive.

- Subsequent to the meeting Big Bad Wolf Motorsports declined to participate; Doe will proceed with another partner for distribution.
- Master Plan: McGill and Associates were at Doe Mountain October 9 and 10. They met with staff, Board members, and held a well-attended public meeting October 9. They have received over 100 surveys as well.
- Environmental Assessment for Shooting Sports Complex: Griggs and Maloney have been doing background research and will be at Doe in the next week or two.
- Rebranding through Tennessee Tech and Website: Work is ongoing.
- Annual Audit: Brie Novack reported that the auditors have started, and she has been responding to requests for information

9. **Closed Session** for legal update - Mona Alderson shared the status of an administrative complaint.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next DMRA Board meeting will be December 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center.

There being no other business, Mona Alderson moved, with a second by Jerry Jordan, to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed; and Vice-Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona B. Alderson
Secretary, DMRA

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.