

GRAHAM COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Attending: Dale Wiggins; chairman, Robin Turner; vice-chairman, Billy Brown, Jessica Wehr, Meredith Jenkins, Mary Griffin

Absent: Rick Davis

Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Wiggins asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 12, 2019. Jessica Wehr made a motion to approve the minutes. Robin Turner second. **VOTE UNANIMOUS**

Chairman Wiggins explained that Becky Garland, finance officer, was out of town and would not be attending.

Robin Turner asked Chairman Wiggins about the status of the additional 3% accommodation tax. Chairman Wiggins stated that the State has not adopted a budget, so no decision has been made yet.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Wiggins commented on what he thought might happen with the bill to increase the accommodation tax, and what else could occur to help Graham County.

Committee Report: Robin Turner stated that the wall map is in production. He also said that Daniel is working with Erin Ammons to get the Partners' mini exhibit done, and Robin is working with his graphic designers to get the Graham County Historical Association display completed.

Director's Report: See attached sheet

Public Comment: Bob Wehr gave a few ideas of some winter activities to bring visitors to the county. Some of these ideas included: music classes, running events and rowing events.

He then explained that he has created a monthly event calendar for the Points Map.

New Business: Chairman Wiggins said that 2022 would be Graham County's 150th birthday and that we need to start planning now and have a week-long series of events to celebrate. He suggested getting several bands that would bring people to Graham County and urged the Board to come up with some big ideas for the celebration. He also stated that the Board should start budgeting now to have the money for a big celebration.

Old Business: Mary Griffin told the Board that she needs a list of the Graham County events for the 2020 calendars.

Billy Brown stated that he thinks there needs to be more flowers put out to help the appearance of the town. He said "what we have is nice but there isn't enough of them."

Mary Griffin then initiated a discussion on what could be done about the flowers and the fence located at Five Point Intersection.

Chairman Wiggins asked if there was anything else to come before the Board and if not was there a motion to Adjourn?+

Billy Brown made a motion to **ADJOURN**. Robin Turner second the motion. **VOTE UNANIMOUS**

Next meeting November 7, 2019

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