

Minutes of the Ocracoke Tourism Development Authority
October 17, 2017
5:00 PM
Ocracoke Community Center
Joint meeting of the Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board and the TDA

As this meeting took place prior to the TDA electing officers, the meeting was facilitated by Bob Chestnut, Chair of the OTB and Bill Rich, County Manager. Tom Pahl, Ocracoke Commissioner is providing the following notes for the record:

Attending from the TDA were: Wayne Clark, Martha Garrish, Amy Howard, Greg Honeycutt
Others present were members of the OTB, County Manager Bill Rich, Commissioner Tom Pahl and members of the press and public.

There was a general discussion between the two boards focused on the following questions:

How should the two boards divide up the pool of potential recipients of their respective funds?

How should the two boards coordinate the timing of their receipt of and action on requests?

How do the differences in each board's legal mandate reflect on the questions above?

Is OCBA able and willing to continue its efforts at island-wide promotion if called upon and funded by the TDA?

While there was much discussion of those topics, no firm agreement was reached, except that the OTB felt they should advance their normal schedule to an earlier start date.

Two members of OCBA who also serve on the TDA (Martha Garrish, Wayne Clark) agreed to take up the OCBA question at the next meeting of the OCBA Board.

There was also considerable discussion of a point raised by Manager Rich about the amount of funds that are available to the OTB. Manager Rich stated that each of the boards would be able to allocate funds based on anticipated receipts, just as the County does in its budgeting.

There was agreement that the newly formed TDA would need to elect officers and get it's bearings before these questions could be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Pahl