

Ocracoke Township Tourism Development

June 25, 2018

WOVV Studios 1:00 p.m.

Attending:

Amy Howard, Wayne Clark, and Greg Honeycutt, Martha Garrish

Rudy Austin, President of OCBA

Bill Rich, Hyde County Manager

Donnie Schumate

Helena Stevens, OCBA Travel & Tourism Director

Kathryn Waldrop, Secretary

Absent: Daphne Bennink

Meeting called to order at 1:04 P.M.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

Greg Honeycutt proposed the following dates for OTTDA meetings:

Monday, September 10, 2018 1:00 P.M. Ocracoke Community Center

Monday, December 10, 2018 1:00 P.M. Ocracoke Community Center

Monday March 11, 2019 1:00 P.M. Ocracoke Community Center

Monday, June 10, 2019 1:00 P.M. Ocracoke Community Center

If community center is booked, the location will default to WOVV Studios. A motion to accept these meeting dates made by Martha and seconded by Greg. Motion approved and carried.

OCBA and OTTDA Contract:

A motion to accept the contract between the OCBA and OTTDA made by Greg and seconded by Martha. Motion approved and carried. Amy Howard and Rudy Austin will get contract notarized at the bank following today's meeting.

Budget Ordinances:

The budget ordinances were approved at the June 20, 2018 OTTDA meeting. The ordinances have been signed. Donnie Schumate to accompany Amy and Rudy to the bank so he may have copies of the contract and ordinances for Hyde County's records.

Hyde County Update:

Bill Rich gave an update that Air BnB began sending the checks that covered the new tax that was not received dating back to February of 2018. Donnie Schumate believes the best path going forward is a program that looks through the all rental websites and listings on each website to assure that all properties are paying the new tax. The county is looking into various programs that can do this and is continuing to work on this project. A new intern has been hired by Hyde county to assist with the new project as well. A motion to have the intern hired by Hyde County to assist Donnie Schumate on educating the public about the new Occupancy Tax was made by Greg and seconded by Wayne. Motion approved and carried.

There is a concern amongst the board as to how to communicate between all hotels and other agencies on the new tax and to make sure that each entity is filing the monthly reports correctly. The Occupancy Tax forms and information will be available on the Hyde County Website. Amy Howard will work on an outline describing the information. Amy, Tom Pahl, and Donnie will work on the correct process to make all necessary information available.

The next OTTDA meeting will be held September 10, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the Ocracoke Community Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne and seconded by Martha. Motion approved and carried.

Adjourned 2:10 P.M.