



Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19th, 2023
12:00 PM Martin County Arts Council
Minutes

PRESENT

Chase Conner, Ila Parker, Jeremiah Taylor, Judy Wobbleton, Naomi Roberts, Glinda Fox, Cameron Braddy, Andrew Kuhn

CALL TO ORDER

Chase Conner called the meeting to order at 12:05.

MINUTES

Jeremiah made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report as of 4/17/2023 showed a few changes. Four (4) expenses were made, \$25 for a Martin County Arts Council membership, \$20 for downtown bucks spent at Cakes by Becky, \$3,000 for the Martin County Arts. Council brick pointing (BIRG), and \$2,000 for the Miller's Sports roof repairs (BIRG). Three (3) deposits were made, \$6,000 for grant funds from the Town, \$1,500 sponsorship from Tourism for the Summer Music Series, and \$50 for Cakes by Becky's Membership Renewal. The balance of the account showed \$28,185.28. Judy made a motion to approve the financial report. Ila seconded the motion. The financial report was passed.

MAJOR UPDATES

Carolina Country Stampede:

The stampede is making its return on September 29th & 30th. The main band has been selected, but waiting to confirm the rest of the acts before advertising begins. We are currently seeking vendors and sponsors for the event. If you are interested, please get in touch with jescobar@townofwilliamston.com for more information.

Disc Golf Project:

No current updates

Downtown Building Updates:

108 W Main St (Committee of 100)

Plans for the floor and facade have been approved. Work should begin soon.

122 Wain St (Baker & White)

No Updates

118 Washington St (Martin Supply)

Chris mentioned getting involved with a relator to help with the property and build some traction. As he narrows down the development plans, he aims to have something in the works this fall.

Downtown Landscaping:

The town has had two arborists examine the downtown planters. Soil samples were taken, and we are currently waiting for the results.

Riverfront Development:

The town received \$730,000 from the state in 2022 and \$100,000 from the RTP grant to extend the boardwalk along the river. The estimated cost for the project is \$950,000. The town will apply for a Rural Transformation grant next month to cover the remaining cost.

Summer Music Series:

Williamston Downtown is hosting A Summer Music Series at the Main Street Community Stage starting June 16th. The four artists for the series are R.T Johnson (June 16th), Martin Terry (June 30th), SOULone (July 14th), and Screamin' Bridge Bluegrass (July 28th). We are currently seeking vendors and sponsors for the event. If you are interested, please contact akuhn@townofwilliamston.com for more information.

Andrew also requested \$1,000 from the Downtown Budget (Earmark) to cover insurance and stage costs. Jeremiah Motioned to approve the request. Judy seconded the motion. The request was passed.

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

May 6th is the "5K Color Fun Run" and May 27th is the "Motown Tribute Band" on Washington St. Food Trucks will be present for that event.

MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Not present

E.J. HAYES ALUMNI CENTER

No Present

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Ila mentioned they will decide on the 2023 ornament soon.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Naomi Roberts introduced herself to the board, representing the Woman's Club. She mentioned they will host a fashion show on May 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.