

Tourism Board minutes

March 21, 2016

The Rock Port Tourism Board met Monday March 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Rock Port City Hall. Members present were Candy Jennings, Denton Melvin, Donald Parsons, Tami Lansdown, Chris Shimmel, Angela Mace and Malisa Linthicum. Visitor was Debbie Lutz.

Denton Melvin called the meeting to order.

Debbie Lutz was present on behalf of the Atchison County Fair Board. The Atchison County Fair Board will host a tractor pull on July 23rd and is requesting funding for the event and personnel help. The board requested Debbie check to see what the tourism board had previously contributed for the event.

Denton Melvin moved to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Chris Shimmel seconded. All votes aye.

Chris Shimmel moved to approve the February 2016 financials. Donald Parsons seconded. All votes aye.

2016 tourism events

The Chili Cook-off will be held April 17th. Tentative time is from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Judges are needed for the event. Categories will be "Best Traditional", "Best Unique" and "Spicy". Prizes include a trophy for 1st place and ribbons for 2nd and 3rd for each category. The board will ask a local club if they want to do drinks. Entry deadline is April 15th.

City Celebration is tentatively scheduled for May 6th or the following weekend. Potentially may have to be moved to next year.

Vendor Frenzy is scheduled for June 11th. 40 (8' x 5') tables will be set up and bounce houses. The event will be set up like prior years with 1 table and 2 chairs for all vendors. The event will be 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with a \$10.00 entry fee per vendor.

4th of July Color Run starts at 8:00 a.m. The entry fee will be \$10 until July 1st at noon and \$20 entry from July 1st 12:01 p.m. to event start time. The board will check with the park board on the new volleyball net.

Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 1st. The location needs to be selected and bands need to be booked quickly.

There is potential to merge the "Me Market" with the Quilt Show in the school. The "Me Market" and the Quilt Show were on the same dates last year. Tentative date

is November 5th.

The board will need to check with Atchison Holt Electric on placement of the Welcome to Rock Port signs. The board discussed a sealed bid auction to sell the existing signs.

Denton Melvin moved to approve the inflatables package quote from Tons of Fun for 3 events for \$4,950.00. Malisa Linthicum seconded. Chris Shimmel abstained. All other votes aye.

A request from the Rock Port Chamber of Commerce for \$500.00 in advertising funding to help with the Rock Port City Wide Garage Sales was reviewed. Donald Parsons moved to give \$250.00 for advertising expenses. Angela Mace seconded. Chris Shimmel abstained from voting. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held April 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Rock Port City Hall.

Chris Shimmel moved to adjourn. Angela Mace seconded. All votes aye.