

**Whitley County Tourism Board**  
**February 9, 2010**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adam Sulfridge.

Members present: Sulfridge, Neal, Prewitt, Gray and Cooper.

Neal made a motion and Prewitt seconded it to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All voted YEAH.

The treasurer gave his report. There is \$34,581.86 in the account at the present time with another \$4988.57 to be deposited. A motion was made by Neal and seconded by Sulfridge to accept the treasurer's report. All voted YEAH.

After a presentation by Vicki Cooper for the Sally Gap Bluegrass festival a motion was made by Prewitt and seconded by Neal to donate \$5000 to the festival. All voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Prewitt that the Board will ask all recipients of donations to report to the Board on how the funds were spent. Sulfridge seconded. All voted YEAH.

After discussion, a motion was made by Prewitt to authorize Adam Sulfridge to purchase four small brochure racks with the cost not to exceed \$240. After a second by Neal, all voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Prewitt and seconded by Neal to accept the resignation of Lisa Davis from the Board. All voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Neal and seconded by Sulfridge to table discussion on Director's duties. All voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Cooper and seconded by Neal to re-appoint Gray as board member. This has already been approved by the Judge Executive. All voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Sulfridge and seconded by Neal to remove Chris Mahan as board member. Mahan has been unable to attend meetings due to other obligations. Cooper, Sulfridge and Neal voted YEAH. Prewitt sustained. Sulfridge had already discussed the matter with Mahan and he understood the need for the Board to have members who could be present. Sulfridge will contact Mahan to inform him of the decision.

A motion was made by Prewitt and seconded by Gray to authorize Sulfridge to begin work on an outline for an application process and guidelines for future donations. All voted YEAH.

Discussion was opened concerning the wisdom of having a board member serve in a paying position. It was determined by the Board that, although legal, this could cause conflict. Therefore, upon recommendation, a motion was made by Neal and seconded by Cooper to accept the resignation of Sulfridge from the Board. All voted YEAH.

A motion was then made by Prewitt and seconded by Neal to re-nominate Sulfridge as Director per guidelines set forth in the January, 2010 meeting. All voted YEAH.

The Treasurer asked for approval to transfer \$4750 from the Reserve from Transfer account, code 759200-999 to pay the salary for the Director until June 30, 2010 which is the end of the fiscal year. Of this amount \$4400 would be transferred to the salary account, code 755420-107 and \$350 to the Social Security account, code 759400-201.

A motion was made by Prewitt and seconded by Neal to approve the transfer of funds. All voted YEAH.

A motion was made by Cooper and seconded by Neal to appoint Prewitt as Chairman of the Board. All voted YEAH.

Gray made a motion to appoint Andy Neal as Vice-Chairman. Prewitt second. All voted YEAH.

Denia Egedi was appointed to the Board pending approval by the Judge Executive on a motion by Neal and a second by Prewitt. All voted YEAH.

A presentation was made by Alvin Sharp concerning the I-75 Corridor. They are working on a plan to put a short video ad on the TVs in all the motels along I-75 from Whitley County to Madison County. They are also working on an interactive map. He will report back with costs and other details.

Some items the Board asked Sulfridge to research and report on include a web site and domain name, a logo, meeting with Darrell Nave, and to get with Chairman Prewitt a week before next meeting to work on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gray and seconded by Cooper. All voted YEAH.