



**Whitley County Tourism Board
Minutes**

Whitley County Tourism Monthly Meeting
2nd Floor, Fiscal Court Meeting Room
June 12, 2018
5:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a motion by Croley, seconded by Skinner. All approved.

Board members present: Croley, Moses, Skinner, Williams, Gray
Absent: Bryant, Collette

The agenda was approved on a motion by Moses, seconded by Skinner. All approved.

The minutes from the May 2018 were approved on a motion by Moses, seconded by Gray. All approved.

Gray gave the treasurers report. The report was approved on a motion by Croley, seconded by Skinner. All approved.

Skinner made a motion to approve retroactive payment of \$25.00 on 5/23/18 to SPGE Registration Fee, seconded by Croley. All approved.

Gray presented the board with the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget for approval. Budget was approved on a motion by Moses, seconded by Croley. All approved.

New Business:

Gray announced he will bring three designs for the website update to next meeting. New web designer has given prices comparable to previous designer.

Williams discussed post event report turned in for Sally Gap. Williams announce the festival attendance was down due to tropical storm and entertainment cuts and graduation falling on the Saturday of the event. Even with the attendance being down Williams stated Sally Gap was still a success, the event broke even and bands have been booked for 2019. Williams also disused the need for Sally Gaps funding to be distributed in July rather than in January for two reasons, one bands need to be booked a year in advance and funding must be obtained before booking due to AmTMP board's new policy amended in 2017 when funding fell through after bands were under contract. Second, promotion for Sally Gap 2019 happens primarily during the summer of 2018 at the other bluegrass festivals. Williams stated she has told the tourism board of the need to change the month funding is awarded for a year now. Gray questioned the non-profit, Williams gave him the website which listed all board members. Gray ask for the 2018 financial statement to be brought into the next meeting, Williams agreed. Gray ask Williams to invite a board member to the next meeting, Williams agreed. Owans questioned clean up of property by a county employee. Williams noted to Owans she was camped with Kurt all weekend, Kurt had a trailer to haul the trash bags over to the dumpster and offered to take them. Williams stated she was on the grounds Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and it was not unusual for attendees to help clean up. Williams noted she would talk to Kurt to make sure he did not feel like he was doing more than what he had offered to do. Williams also stated to Owans this was the first year that she did not have to have her crew do all finish mowing and weed eating. Gray stated he was told Williams had to cancel a band on Friday due to "not having the money to pay them". Williams informed Gray the stage never opened one time on Thursday due to rain, the agreement for the headliner not to come was a mutual agreement between Williams and the band manager due to weather reports calling for major Thunderstorms Friday starting at 7 pm. Williams and the band manager was afraid the stage would not be open and the band manager made the call to cancel.

Moses made a motion to table the request for funding for Sally Gap, seconded by Gray. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Croley, seconded by Collette. All approved.