

Rogers Advertising and Promotions Commission February Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2021

1. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Mark Kruger (Chair), Larry Cooper, David Faulkner, Joe Murfin

Commissioners Absent: Barney Hayes, Annette Nichols, Laura Orr

Staff Present: J.R. Shaw, Kelly Parker, Luke Wiggins, Ronnie Webb

Guests: Raymond Burns

2. Meeting Called to order: Kruger

3. Public Comment:

a. None

4. Action on January 2021 minutes

a. Motion to accept by Murfin. Second by Cooper. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Financial Report

- a. Murfin reported on the January 2021 financials and Shaw and Cooper made comments.
 - i. Motion to accept by Cooper. Second by Faulkner. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Director's Report

- a. Shaw, Wiggins, and Parker presented the Visit Rogers 2020 Annual Report.
 - i. Kruger, Murfin, and Cooper made comments.
- b. Shaw reported on the hotel tax revenue and reviewed the dashboard.
- c. Shaw reported on attending industry committee meetings with Wiggins.
- d. Shaw reported on the industry newsletter that Visit Rogers will be putting out quarterly.
- e. Shaw reported on the new Allegiant flight out of XNA with a direct flight to Austin.
- f. Shaw reported on an invitation-only film festival that will be held in downtown Rogers in May. It will be a one-day festival.
- g. Parker reported that she and Palmerin have been updating website content, listings in Simpleview, social media, and marketing projects.
- h. Parker reported on working with the Chamber Marketing and Communications team on putting together the digital version of this year's The Good Life.
- i. Wiggins reported on sales goals and their prospecting plan.
- j. Webb reported on his prospecting plan as well and continuing to build the pipeline.
- k. Shaw reported that Wiggins was promoted to Director of Sales and Parker was promoted to Director of Marketing & Communications.

7. CEF Funding

- a. Daisy Outdoor Products Daisy 2021 BB Gun National Championship \$22,500
 - i. Shaw & Wiggins presented information and gave history. Murfin & Cooper abstained.
- b. Arkansas Emergency Management Association AEMA 2021 Annual Conference \$4,500
 - i. Shaw presented information and gave history. Cooper abstained.
- c. Motion to table both funding requests until next meeting due to lack of quorum for each request by Faulkner. Second by Kruger. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Sponsorship

a. None



- 9. Old Business
 - a. None
- **10. New Business**
 - a. Shaw reported on the upcoming Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism.
- 11. Adjourn

Next meeting is March 10, 2021 at 4pm. Kruger adjourned meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Parker

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