

GREAT Board of Directors Meeting

March 17, 2020

- I. Welcome by Michelle Shiplet, Executive Director. Board members present were Michelle Shiplet, Dick Evans, Jim Baker, Glenda Bradley, Marcia Hollifield, Rick Davis, Zellerie Rogers, Joe Bonnette, Chip Carringer and Yvette Carringer.

- II. GREAT Business
 - A motion was made by Dick Evans to approve the November 14, 2019 membership meeting minutes, seconded by Jim Baker. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by Dick Evans to approve the December 2, 2019 BOD meeting minutes, seconded by Jim Baker. Motion carried.
 - Dogwood Health Trust, ION Grant – new strategic plan \$16,700
 - Financial request from Graham County Government or Travel and Tourism
 - ARC Grant – funding to be sought
 - Graham County T&T request for logo information. A motion was made by Joe Bonnette to move forward on request, seconded by Dick Evans. Motion carried.

- III. GREAT Updates
 - Financial Report presented by Rick Davis. A motion was made by Yvette Carringer to accept report as presented, seconded by Joe Bonnette. Motion carried.
 - Project Updates
 1. VFW - grant submitted to Evergreen Foundation/Preliminary design created
 2. Façade Grants – work to begin this week, weather permitting
 3. Mural – decking completed, grid and artwork to start asap
 4. Public Wi-Fi – continues to face difficulties and is currently at a stand still
 5. Dolly Parton – continuing to receive applications. NC State now bearing financial burden
 6. Kids in Parks – Signage to be organized and placed
 7. AARP grant to be submitted for the Senior Financial Security Fair
 8. Facebook and Webpage to be reworked/updated
 9. Mountain True – Going to partner with REVVED UP and help with cleanup of downtown area
 10. Cheryl Thompson has offered a verbal agreement for the vacant lot on Main St.
 11. Discussion with David and Brenda Artis for property for walking trail. Main Spring is available to assist with planting native plants in this area.
 12. Joe Bonnett informed the group that the Connect Group has a proposal for \$15,000 grant to assist with a project in the area. Some suggestions would be the VFW project, Mike Teem’s Celebrate Recovery program, school health department space and others.
 13. Jim Baker announced the work day planned for May 27, 2020 has been cancelled.

- IV. Meeting schedule and sponsors confirmed:
 - Membership meeting May 21, 2020
 - Host and Sponsor: WNC YMCA @ Camp Watia
 - GREAT BOD meeting June 21, 2020 @ 12:00 noon

- V. A motion was made by Dick Evans to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Zellerie Rogers. Motion carried.