GREAT BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2021

Dick Evans, Joe Bonnette, Zel Rogers and Jim Baker.

Present: Michelle Shiplet, Rick Davis, Karen Taylor, Glenda Bradley, Mary Millsaps,

Open For Business: Dick Evans made a motion; seconded by Mary

Approval of Agenda: Zel Rogers made a motion; seconded by Dick Evans

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes: Mary Millsaps made a motion; seconded by Glenda Bradley

WNC Bridge Grant/VFW/RHS - will be used for clean out, utilities, etc.

Truist Grant - \$5000, \$500 to admin - to RHS sublimation business program for equipment

Duke Energy Hometown Revitalization Grant: 6 applicants so far

ARC - Delay in delivery of computers and equipment Tourism Marketing Plan - should have preview by end of next week

Downtown Wi-Fi - Mr. Sutton has not returned calls or emails. Rick Davis talked to Mr.

Sutton and he had gotten approval from county government to place tower at EMS base. ZSR IPA - Mural kiosk is remaining; content is being compiled

Upgrades to website - information has been sent 2 times, but Mr. Ingram does not have the capabilities

to open them in an updated version. Michelle Shiplet is to try to change format, compile and resend.

Some board members are up for re-election/replacement: Marcia Hollifield Larry Blythe - moved to Cherokee

Rick Davis

FYI:

New Business:

Chip Carringer

Erica Sawyer - Education and Workforce Committee Chair - motion made by Zel Rogers;

seconded by Mary Millsaps Jim Hager - resigned

Nominees to consider for board members: Angelina Jumper Shea Anderson - motion made by Zel Rogers; seconded by Rick Davis

Joe Bonnette discussed Main Spring hike and water breaks, Lake Fontana Clean Up, Joyce Kilmer clean

up

accessed via website

building on main street.

a professional photographer.

taking them to college campus.

coming up in the near future.

library parking lot.

development.

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2021

Snowbird Lang Center LGPS1470

Total Receipts

Designated Project Disbursements:

Checking Account

Receipts:

Money Market Account

Total Beginning Cash

Abuse

and only costs merchants \$99 per year

GREAT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 17, 2022 **FONTANA VILLAGE**

Open for Business: Rick Davis - recognized first time attendees and GREAT BOD

Mary Griffin - motion made by Rick Davis; seconded by Zel Rogers

Welcome: Rick Davis on behalf of GREAT and Zel Rogers on behalf of Fontana Village Meal & Mingle: Hosted by Fontana Village and sponsored by Balsam West. Eddie Hollifield offered blessing

Acceptance of Agenda & Minutes: Motion made by Jim Hager and seconded by Mary Millsaps Approval of Finance Report: Presented by Pam Sheffey, motion made by Mary Millsaps and seconded

Bob Wehr – Graham County Points Map available through Travel & Tourism and can also be

Torbin Brogunier – Virtual Sorefronts is a tech company that connects people with merchants

by Joe Bonnette

Balsam West – Skywave Merger update by Matt Saenager **Updates & Reports:**

Josh Carpenter with Economic Development present power point on workforce trends Rick Davis with GREAT Board Angie Knight with Graham County Schools discussed Knight Imprinting. The school does have

some open slots for pre-school. She reported on the middle school project and elementary school grant. There will be a concert on May 7 as a fund raising event for the band. The school

also has a coffee and sandwich shop operated by students that will be moving to the VFW

Beth Booth with Graham County Health Department discussed Dogwood Grant for Substance

150 year celebration. He also stated that we had already had more visitors to the county than

farmers' market and the board has voted to take the next step with YouTube videos and engage

Daniel Allison with Graham County Travel & Tourism invited everyone to attend a public meeting to be held 3/22/22 at 5:00 pm in the community building to discuss Graham County's

normal for this time of year. Current projects include the history of Graham County, the

Debbie Beasley promoted the travel and tourism passport trail guide which includes 16 walking trails in Graham County. There will also be a car show in Robbinsville May 7, 2022.

Brandon Jones with Fontana Boat Dock discussed the cemetery tours

Katie Lynch with Partners of Joyce Kilmer spoke about trail maintenance. Russ Harris with Region A discussed the housing problem in Graham County Laurie Bailey with the Nantahala Health Foundation which covers the six western counties discussed the Now & Next program in building leadership. There will be two grant opportunities

Beverly Whitehead encouraged everyone to visit the Graham County Farmers' market located in the Graham County Library. This year the market operated from June through December in the

Valarie Frapp with Tapoco Lodge stated the lodge is up and running. They serve breakfast from

Max Buchanan with the Historical Society discussed the museum and announced that one final payment is due in October then they would be working to raise \$1.1 million for renovations, beginning with rewiring, bathrooms, elevators and windows. The funds will be raised through

8 – 10 am daily and lunch/dinner from 11 am – 8 pm and are open to the public.

raffles, sales of furniture, etc and sitting up tables at events such as the car show.

Fran Williams with Gear Up spoke about encouraging students and finding their passion by

Mary Millsaps wanted to thank Duke Energy for a \$25,000 revitalization funds that helped nine local businesses due to the pandemic. She also stated she would like to see someone sponsor a financial fitness program for the county.

Aaron Patton with Tri County Community College gave update on workforce and economic

Amber Williams Benton with Stecoah Valley Center gave an update on the Easter Egg hunt

For Period July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022

scheduled for April 9 and the Appalachian Evening concerts that will be held at the center. Adjournment Graham Revitalization & Economic Action Team **Combined Cash Transactions**

Designated Project Accounts: 1,000.00 ARC Tourism Plan Phase II Duke Hometown Revitalization 25,000.00 2,500.00 Great Smokies Health Fund 2,250.00 Marketing Plan Match

> 1,583.54 5,000.00

80,000.00

1,620.00

14,286.50

25,712.69

10,146.23

39.54

63.17 7.79

GREAT Accounts: Contributed Support Earned Income: Administration Fees

Other Income

Unrestricted Expenses

ZSR IPA Grant

Money Market Account

Unrestricted Fund Balance

Checking Account

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

Dogwood Health Trust

Total Disbursements

Add back payroll tax not yet deposited

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Preliminary Balance, April 30, 2022 (Accrual Basis) Deduct FYE 6-30-21 payroll tax liability paid in July 2021

Total Ending Cash Balance, April 30, 2022

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Restricted Fund Balance per statement (Accrual Basis)

Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance (Cash Basis)

Total Ending Cash Balance, April 30, 2022

Interest

Disbursements:

Restricted Other Truist WNC Bridge Foundation

4,265.44 Community Foundation of WNC 33,233.80 Snowbird Lang Cntr 2,500.00 Great Smokies Health Fund 14,768.29 WNC Bridge Foundation Kids in Parks Project 3,475.00 5,000.00 Truist Restricted ARC Tourism Plan Phase II 74,545.11 Duke Hometown Revitalization 25,000.00

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Leadership Total Tourism

Project

Restricted

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\$ 783.48 \$ 95,460.88

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117,333.54

39.54 \$ 172,973.41

39,821.01

\$ 783.48

95,460.88

Health Trust

Total

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3,297.85

146,103.45

149,401.30

133,311.00

Statement of Restricted Fund Balances

GREAT

April 30, 2022