

June 28th 2016 Approved Minutes

Date: June 28th 2016

Time: 10:00am

Location: Woodrow Jones Building

Members Present: Amy Bridges, Barbara Meliski, Dawn Hemmelgarn, Dave Long, Diane Barrett, Richard Lundy, Tammy Martell, Willard Whitson

Members Absent: Jeff Bradley

TDA Staff Present: Don Cason, Karen Tegen, Taylor Hardin

Others Present: Media (1)

Meeting Called To Order At: 10:09am

Addition To Agenda: No Changes

Motion To Accept Agenda As Presented: First-Willard Whitson; Second-Diane Barrett

Motion Passed.

Executive Director Search Committee Report: Richard Lundy

- Don has been interim director right at four months. The original intent was to have Don for 6 months as interim. However, the search committee felt that we needed a permanent director earlier than later.
- The committee worked with the county and spent time looking over applications.
- Chose four applicants to interview and pull two applicants for final interviews.

Executive Director Search Committee Recommendation:

Richard- We are happy with the candidates we got. There was lots of potential and it was not an easy decision. We came to a unified consensus that the best candidate was Don.

Dawn- Both candidates were very qualified but we felt we needed to come to the board with a unified recommendation.

Barbara- After several lengthy meetings, we felt Don was the best candidate.

Tammy- Don was the better of the two candidates.

Motion to go into closed session for personnel G.S 143.318.11: First: Barbara Meliski; Second: Diane Barrett

Motion Passed.

Closed Session: 10:15am-11:05am

Executive Director Search Committee Motion:

Barbara made a motion to appoint Don Cason as Executive Director.

Second by Willard Whitson

Unanimous vote.

Motion Passed.

Don was asked if he wanted to say anything

He said that he was honored, blessed and privileged to serve Rutherford County as director for Tourism. He also said that he was excited to see the direction that Tourism was headed.

Announcements: Richard Lundy

- The next board meeting will be July 14th at 12 noon.

Meeting Adjourned:11:09