



Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway
Byway Organization Meeting
Minutes –April 18, 2017 - 11:00 AM
IFAS/UF Extension Office
7620 SE CR 471, Suite 2
Bushnell, FL

- I. **Call to Order and introduction of guests:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, Kelly Williams (Private Citizen). Others in attendance include: Vice Chair, Martin Steele (Sumter County Resident); Judie Mueller (Treasurer and Webster Postmaster); Mike Palozzi (CBI); Richard Baier (Sumter County BOCC); Dan McCormic (Explore Sumter); Karen Ford (Atkins/FDOT); Jim Veal, Sr. (PanaVista Lodge) and Secretary, Dawn Cary (Great Lakes Carpet & Tile).
- II. **Review of March 21, 2017 Minutes** – Martin Steele made a motion to approve; Judie Mueller 2nd. Approved as is.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**-Judie Mueller reported the ending balance of checking account as of the ending of the following months: December 2016, January, 2017. February 2017 and March 2017. There is a discrepancy of \$20.00 plus dollars. Judie to go down to CenterState to sit with them to go over account. Rich Baier made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report with the discrepancy to be corrected. Martin Steele 2nd. Approved as is.
- IV. **CME Working Committees**–Committee reports are follows:
 - A. **Organizational Sustainability**-Mike Palozzi indicated that they will begin to work on a more complex board manual.
 - B. **Coast to Coast Connector Update**- Kelly did not have anything to report but did indicate that she spoke to someone at the East Central Planning Council and made sure that Sumter County was added to their distribution list. Claudia Calzaretta also confirmed that Kelly, Dawn, Judie and herself have been confirmed as being on the distribution email list.
 - C. **Transportation Alternative Program (Exit 309 Project)** –Judie spoke with Lisa Marshall and asked if we could get Senator Bill Nelson’s support of the project. Kelly also spoke with Senator Webster’s secretary and is confident that a letter of support is forthcoming.
- V. **Byway Partners/Business Sponsorship Program**
 - A. **Kiosk Program**- Ribbon cutting scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 3:30 where the Chamber will conduct the ribbon cutting and presentations will be made to the Sumter County BOCC, T&D Concrete and Sparr Building Supply.
 - B. **Kiosk Location Update**-Still working on the Webster Farm Market Restaurant and City of Bushnell Bus Stop as areas to use for graphics in upcoming locations. Claudia mentioned that there may be funds available from the FDOT that could be used

towards future kiosks. Possible one in Webster or the Sumterville Community Center. It was discussed that they would be a one panel kiosk, such as the ones that the Black Bear Scenic Byway erected along their route.

C. Donor Brick Program- One brick is in que to order.

VI. Media Updates

A. Social Media-Facebook friends up to 605.

B. Ride Sumter Card- Rough draft was presented. A motion was made by Dan McCormic to accept the draft. Richard Baier 2nd. Motion approved.

C. Newsletter-Dawn working on.

VII. Past/Upcoming Events

A. Earth Day at the Humane Society-Saturday, April 22, 2017. Kelly and Judie to volunteer.

B. Baker House Historical Festival-Saturday, April 29, 2017. Dawn and Kelly to volunteer.

VIII. Florida Scenic Highways Program Report-Mike Palozzi and Claudia Calzaretta

A. Small Matching Grants-Mike went over with Kelly the needs that Webster may have with their community center.

B. Grant webinar-discussed a site that has grants available. Volunteermatch.org

II. Public Comment/Round Table Discussion- Martin Steele asked if there were any locations or points of interests that we may have not covered or missed along the route during our bus tour.

IX. Adjournment-Next Meeting May 16, 2017 at the Webster Community Center in Webster, FL.