

Chelan County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Opening: The meeting is called to order by Chairman Tiffany Gering at 1:03 P.M. The following Committee Members are present:

Tiffany Gering, District 3 Commissioner
Taylor Boyd, Bavarian Lodge
Chuck Schuringa, Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort
Eric Featherstone, Wapato Point
Troy Campbell, Leavenworth Chamber

Also present for meeting:

Jerri Barkley, Visit Chelan County
Nicole Thompson, Chelan County Budget Director
Cathy Mulhall, Chelan County Administrator

Public Comment Period: No public present, no comment provided

Action: Upon motion by Troy Campbell and second by Taylor Boyd the Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2024 are unanimously approved.

Discussion

- Email from Ben Laughlin regarding how Chelan is spending money – wants an audit of the Chamber
 - Tiffany provided WA State Auditor information to Ben if he wants to pursue an audit
- Reserve Funding
 - Spreadsheets created by Nicole Budget Director show funds available
 - Chuck suggests keep \$2 million in reserves and disperse \$1.7 million
 - Tiffany suggests to use some funds as a reserve for VCC
 - Cathy suggests to have a strategic plan to account for the money to be given to VCC
 - Manson requested 5% over the next three years, which is more than they received in framework. Tiffany suggests a lumpsum at one time for Manson. Troy suggests a letter from Manson asking for funds showing what they will be used for.
- Ron would like three LTAC committee members (Taylor Boyd, Eric Campbell, Steve Maher) to be part of a committee for a Tourism Impact Study vetting the contract.
- Have Jerri write a response to RC3
- Visit Chelan County Update
 - Update to website with STR booking - \$9k/year add to strategic plan

2:45 P.M. Meeting Adjourned