

Room Tax Commission Meeting
October 26, 2022
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 9:33 a.m.
2. Roll call: Ron Van Dusen, Sue Saxhaug, Diane Marquardt, Crystal Loppnow, Justin Behling, and Robin Ginner
3. **Motion/Second, Justin Behling/Sue Saxhaug, to approve minutes from June 2022 Room Tax Commission Meeting. Motion Passed**
4. Discussion and possible action on the following agenda items
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Sue Saxhaug presented a combined report for the general account and the grant account. Balance of the general account \$351,398.99; balance of the grant account \$100,052.68. Open vouchers of \$218,525.05. Balance of general account after the 3rd Quarter vouchers is \$132,873.94.
 - b. Review and approval of bills for 3rd Quarter – Members of the Commission signed the voucher statements approving payment by the Chamber. The voucher sums include vouchers through the end of September – total to be paid: \$218,525.05. **Motion/Second, Ron Van Dusen/Crystal Loppnow. Motion passed.**
 - c. Use of Room Tax Funds for July 4th Fireworks (2023+). This conversation is tabled until Kim Emerson can join us at the next scheduled meeting to discuss.
 - d. Update on Promotion and Development Grant Committee
 - The first round of grant requests awarded \$62,625 to three organizations. **Motion/Seconded, Van Dusen/Loppnow. Motion Passed**
 - ERRA, \$45,000 for a new Zamboni
 - Towns of Washington & Lincoln and City of Eagle River, \$7,625 for new buoys on the chain
 - ER Historical Society, \$10,000 toward an addition to the historical society museum building
 - Additional discussion: SnoEagles submitted an application for funding for \$50,000, but the ask did not meet the grant criteria guidelines. A second round of granting was proposed with a November 30th deadline to give the SnoEagles, and any other groups, time to submit an application for the balance of the funds available.
 - **Motion/Second, VanDusen/Loppnow, to add \$13,000 in additional funding to the balance to make \$50,000 available for the second round of 2022 funding. Should the funds not be granted, those funds will be carried over into 2023 to make up the balance of the 20% Room Tax allotment to the program. Motion Passed.**
 - The Room Tax Commission will ask Boelter & Lincoln to design a Room Tax Commission specific logo for use on projects funded by the grant program. It was agreed that it should be clear that the grant money is coming from the Commission and not the Chamber.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022. Review and approval of Room Tax Commission logo requested to be added to agenda.
6. Adjourn – **Motion/Second, Saxhaug/Behling to adjourn at 10:12 am. Motion passed.**