

# OTTAWA VISITORS CENTER

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 5 p.m.

Present: Chair: Hank Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer: (Hank Wolf - substitute), Vice Chair: Matt Skelly, Mary Beth LeSeure, Richard Crum, Scott Struchen, Heather Johnson, Holly Gage, OVC Representative: Donna Reynolds & Kristal Nodland.

Absent: Holly Gage, Holli Clark

Guests: Jeff Hettrick, Dave Noble

Subject	Discussion	Decision	Next Steps - Motion
Call to Order	February 15, 2023 5:05pm		
Public Comments	None		
Next Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 5pm Location- Johnson Law Office & Google Meet		
Review of Minutes	Review/Discussion regarding OVC Board Meeting Minutes held on January 18, 2023	Moved by: MB_LeSeure 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: S_Struchen	Motion to approve OVC Board Meeting minutes from January 18 <sup>th</sup> as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
Finance Report	Review/Discuss Financial results for period ending January – February 2023.	Moved by: MB_LeSeure 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: S_Struchen	Motion to approve Finance Report as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
City Report - Noble	<p>Dave Noble reported that the Margarita's building has been sold and will start renovations soon. No plans have been submitted yet.</p> <p>Building on Main Street (formerly Rural Antiques) has new owners, it will consist of commercial space that will be rented and 2 apartments upstairs as well.</p> <p>The dentist office on the corner of Main street has been sold again to investors from Chicago.</p> <p>Etna Oil companies have sold their strip malls and cleanup is underway on those properties.</p>	n/a	n/a

	<p>International Powder has sold and closed their operations.</p> <p>Army Corp of Engineers has bought nearly 140 acres of the once Harpers Farm project. Will be a conservation area with trails.</p> <p>Rail Grant which is a \$10 million grant to fix the issues on the Champlain Street RR crossing near Jefferson School.</p> <p>Another round of COVID grants - Back to Business for restaurants, hotels, and the arts.</p>		
Chamber Report - Hettrick	<p>Jeff Hettrick provided an update on activities related to the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce. The Art in the Window project will continue as projected. The mural committee is checking to see about ordinances.</p>	n/a	n/a
OVC Report – Donna Reynolds	<p>Donna provided updates to OVC Board members prior to the meeting via email. Donna shared information related to recent and upcoming events.</p> <p>Donna met with Hank and Chief Roalson for discussion on how the OVC and the City can work together in the planning process on events.</p> <p>Donna gave an update on where the “Ottawa Guide” is currently in the planning. The deadline for content is April 11th. Quotes for the ads will be sent by the end of the week.</p> <p>Donna plans to utilize billboards and social media for the Kites In Flight event for promotion.</p> <p>Donna mentioned that March 6th the Chicago Blackhawks will be playing the Ottawa (Canda) Senators. OVC plans to sponsor the game with special broadcasting on WGN Radio with several 30 second commercials being played during the game promoting Ottawa, IL.</p>	n/a	n/a
Old Business	<p>Meeting Notes from 2022 Executive Sessions will be reviewed in the next couple of board meetings. Decisions regarding the distribution of these closed</p>	n/a	n/a

	session minutes will be determined at that time.		
New Business			
Executive Session	None		
Adjournment	5:59 p.m.	Moved by: MB_LeSuere 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: S_Struchen	Motion to adjourn. Voted - Motion carried.