

# OTTAWA VISITORS CENTER

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 5 p.m.

Present: Chair: Hank Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair: Matt Skelly, Mary Beth LeSeure, Scott Struchen, Heather Johnson, OVC Representative: Donna Reynolds and Kristal Nodland

Absent: Holly Clark, Holly Gage, Rich Crum

Guests: Mayor-elect Robb Hasty, Dave Noble, Jeff Hettrick

Subject	Discussion	Decision	Next Steps - Motion
Call to Order	April 19, 2023 5:10pm		
Public Comments	Hank opened the meeting by inviting Mayor-elect Robb Hasty to speak. He elaborated on his first task at hand was to change the current ordinance to allow for-profit business to administer events with a liquor license. This was in response to the handling of Wine Fest and how to move forward in a more legal way.	n/a	n/a
Next Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - 5pm Location- Johnson Law Office & Google Meet		
Review of Minutes	Review/Discussion regarding OVC Board Meeting Minutes held on March 15, 2023	Moved by: M Skelly 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: MB LeSeure	Motion to approve OVC Board Meeting minutes from March 15 <sup>th</sup> as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
Finance Report	Review/Discuss Financial results for period ending March 2023.	Moved by: M Skelly 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: MB LeSeure	Motion to approve Finance Report as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
City Report - Noble	Dave Noble presented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He and Jeff H. are working together to find new businesses spaces to open a storefront. Many of these are from COVID home-based businesses that want to expand.</li> <li>- April 28 all submissions are due for the RISE Grant, which is to help develop downtown areas which includes a study of downtown.</li> <li>- Amphitheater project – waiting</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a

	for a grant agreement.		
Chamber Report - Hettrick	<p>Jeff Hettrick presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Farmers Market has enough vendors signed up and ready to begin the season on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The market will continue every Saturday and run from 8-12:30. A new market name of "Farmers and Makers Market" will be used to include crafters. They are working out the details for an "On-site Manager".</li> <li>- They are excited for the first vacant building art installation at 222 Main Street. A collab with Amanda Zehr to make vacant spaces more appealing to the public and potential renters/buyers.</li> <li>- Welcomeburger will be Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> on Jackson Street.</li> <li>- Scarecrow Fest – last Saturday of September.</li> <li>- Art &amp; Wine Walk – first Saturday of November.</li> <li>- New Businesses – 218-220 Main Street – Irish Pub and a breakfast and lunch spot will open at the old Thymeless location.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
OVC Report – Donna Reynolds	<p>Donna presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donna provided the ads that have been published in Looking for Lincoln, Northwest Quarterly, and a new publication celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canal.</li> <li>- The new budget is included in each packet.</li> <li>- Invited Board members to attend a Happy Hour with our local hotels/motels/accommodations to Iniga on May 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
Old Business	Before the election there was some chatter about moving the OVC to City Hall. Mayor-elect Robb Hasty said it was not his intention to do so.	n/a	n/a
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the proposed budget, there is more money projected in the budget by about \$60,000.00</li> <li>- There are up to 3 seats available on the OVC Board. There was</li> </ul>	Moved by: M Skelly 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: MB LeSeure	Motion to place Finance Report on file. Voted – Motion carried.

	<p>discussion about interested parties, no action to be taken. Those individuals are: Bill Jankowski, Tom Aussem, Stephanie Stacy, and Rachel Black. There was talk about what industries are not being represented.</p> <p>- Placed Finance Report on file</p>		
Executive Session	None		
Adjournment	6:12 p.m.	Moved by: M Skelly 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: MB LeSeure	Motion to adjourn. Voted - Motion carried.