## **OTTAWA VISITORS CENTER**

**Board Meeting Minutes** 

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

Present: Chair: Hank Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair: Matt Skelly, Mary Beth LeSeure, Richard Crum, Scott

Struchen, OVC Representative: Donna Reynolds and Kristal Nodland

Absent: Holly Clark, Holly Gage, Heather Johnson

Guests:

| Subject                        | Discussion  | Decision   | Next Steps - Motion   |
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| Call to Order                  | March 15, 2023<br>5:14pm  |  |   |
| Public Comments                | None  |  |   |
| Next Board Meeting             | Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 5pm<br>Location- Johnson Law Office & Google<br>Meet  |  |   |
| Review of Minutes              | Review/Discussion regarding OVC Board<br>Meeting Minutes held on February 15,<br>2023   | Moved by: MB LeSeure<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> by: S Struchen | Motion to approve OVC Board<br>Meeting minutes from February<br>15 <sup>th</sup> as presented. Voted -<br>Motion carried. |
| Finance Report                 | Review/Discuss Financial results for period ending February 2023.   | Moved by: M Skelly<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> by: MB LeSeure   | Motion to approve Finance<br>Report as presented. Voted -<br>Motion carried.  |
| City Report - Noble            | Dave Noble was unable to attend meeting.  | n/a  | n/a   |
| Chamber Report -<br>Hettrick   | Jeff Hettrick was unable to attend meeting. Hank read Jeff's report as it was emailed prior to meeting.  The Chamber will be holding a Farmers Market meeting with potential vendors on March 27 <sup>th</sup> .  The City of Marseilles signed as a new Chamber member at the Bronze membership level. | n/a  | n/a   |
| OVC Report –<br>Donna Reynolds | Donna reported that the Guiding Principles for the OVC has taken a  | n/a  | n/a   |

|                   | backseat until the Ottawa Guide is completed. Once that is finished we can start to tackle that task. It made sense until after the election.  Donna shared that the ads for the new Ottawa Guide are selling quickly, all page ads are accounted for.  Donna reported that the OVC has passed the 1st round of submissions for the MPP Grant. |  |   |
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| Old Business      | The marketing team was able to take advantage of sponsoring the Chicago Blackhawks vs. Ottawa Senators (Canada) game and attend as special guests of WGN Radio. Ottawa, IL was mentioned numerous times as a must-see destination. The team believes in continuing this great partnership with WGN.  | n/a  | n/a   |
| New Business      | None   | n/a  | n/a   |
| Executive Session | None   |  |   |
| Adjournment       | 6:14 p.m.  | Moved by: M Skelly<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> by: S Struchen | Motion to adjourn.<br>Voted - Motion carried. |