



## **WCVB January 30, 2025 – Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Chair William Clark at 10 a.m.

### **Board approved December 2024 minutes and December 2024 financial report**

#### *Community Updates:*

City of Waycross  
Downtown Waycross Development Authority  
Fairfield Inn and Suites  
Hampton Inn  
Okefenokee Heritage Center  
Okefenokee National Refuge  
Okefenokee Swamp Park  
Trembling Earth  
Swampfest

#### **Old Business**

- Gave an update on the increasing the hotel/motel tax increase discussion. City Commission was not able to vote due to the lack of a quorum.

#### **New Business**

- Mom Prom sponsorship request. The organization requested \$2,000. The board discussed and recommended \$500. The motion to sponsor the amount of \$500 was made by Patrick Simmons and seconded by Rena Vining. Board approved.
- OHC Color Run sponsorship request. The organization requested \$1,500. The board discussed and recommended \$1,500. The motion to sponsor in the amount of \$1,500 was made by Clint Bowman and seconded by Eunice Dixon. Board approved.
- Okefenokee Smoke BBQ Festival sponsorship request. The organization requested \$5,000. The board discussed and recommended that we sponsor the event in the amount of \$2,000. The motion to sponsor in the amount of \$2,000 was made by Clint Bowman and seconded by Rena Vining. Board approved.
- Waycross Service League's Rod Run sponsorship request. The organization requested \$2,000. The board discussed and recommended \$1,500. The motion to sponsor in the amount of \$1,500 was made by Clint Bowman and seconded by Eunice Dixon. Board approved.
- Satilla Advocacy sponsorship request. The organization requested \$2,000. The board discussed and recommended \$500. The motion to sponsor the amount of \$500 was made by Patrick Simmons and seconded by Eunice Dixon. Board approved.

- Satilla Riverkeeper sponsorship request. The organization requested for fishing contest promotional rulers and additional brochures in the amount of \$1,600 for rulers and \$500 for brochures. The board discussed and recommended the we fund 100%. The motion to sponsor in the amount of \$1,600 and \$500. Patrick Simmons was made by and seconded by Eunice Dixon. Board approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Board members present:

Patrick Simmons  
Clint Bowman  
Eunice Dixon  
Rena Vining  
Dr. William Clark  
Ulysses Rayford