



WCVB February 27, 2025 – Minutes

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

Board approved January 2025 minutes and January 2025 financial report by general consent.

Faythe Hall gave an overview of the work of the Okefenokee Partnership.

Community Updates:

Okefenokee Partnership
Okefenokee Heritage Center
Okefenokee Swamp Park
Southern Forest World
Swampfest
Trembling Earth
Waycross Area Theatre
Chamber of Commerce
Waycross-Ware County Development Authority
Exchange Club

Old Business

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

New Business

- Process of updating a modernizing WCVB Bylaws to reflect the reality of current operations.
- Okefenokee Partnership meeting invitation going out for the March 13, 2025 meeting.
- Southern Forest World sponsorship request for Naval Museum at Laura S. Walker. The organization requested financial assistance to help cover transportation and set up costs. The board discussed and recommended that we sponsor the event in the amount of \$1,000. The motion to sponsor in the amount of \$1,000 was made by Eunice Dixon and seconded by Reba Smith. Board approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Board members present:

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