

**Town of Blowing Rock
Tourism Development Authority
May 7, 2024**

The Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority (TDA) held their annual budget work session on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Dean Bullis, Members Kevin Walker, Zika Rea, and Pete Gherini. Others present were Ex-officio Members Tasha Brown and Shane Fox, TDA Executive Director Tracy Brown and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes. Vice-Chair Tarbutton was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Oath of Office**

Town Clerk Hilari Hubner administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Chairman Dean Bullis.

• **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Member Walker nominated Member Rea, seconded by Member Gherini. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Topics discussed included:

- Executive Director Tracy Brown and Ex-officio Members Tasha Brown and Shane Fox reviewed the budget highlights with the board.
- The Blowing Rock Historical Society and BRAHM made a \$5,000 request for support of the creation of a diorama exhibition to be installed at BRAHM. The diorama will depict the Mayview Manor Hotel circa 1924 and view of the hotel. Executive Director Brown explained he felt the board should support the program noting that it would allow for positive media coverage for the Museum thus the Town. He further explained the funds could come out of the scheduled marketing and advertising budget. Member Gherini made a motion to approve the support request, seconded by Vice-Chair Rea. Unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:25 p.m. Member Walker made a motion to go into closed session for the director's evaluation, seconded by Member Gherni. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The board returned to open session and there being no further business to discuss Vice-Chair Rea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m., seconded by Member Gherini. Unanimously approved.

TDA Chairman, Dean Bullis

Town Clerk, Hilari Hubner

Attachments

TDA Annual Budget/Actual Worksheet FY