

**Town of Blowing Rock ABC Board
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Member

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**Susie Greene, Chair
Sylvia Tarleton,**

**Jerry Starnes, Member
Edith Nations, Manager**

The meeting was held on August 15, 2024. Chair Susie Greene called the meeting to order. The other members were present. Blowing Rock Police Interim Captain Kirk was present. The members were then given the opportunity to excuse themselves if they had a conflict with any items on the agenda. No conflict was reported from any member. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

The Finance Officer gave his report on sales which ended on July 31, 2024. Sales were \$388,903.33. This was an increase from \$317,617.13 in July 2023.

Old Business:

- 1) Jason Carpenter, CPA, will be attending the September 26th board meeting to discuss the 2023-2024 audit.
- 2) The 2024-2025 grant application was updated and will be sent to interested parties. The applications deadline will be scheduled for September 20th.
- 3) The Board discussed the ABC Store's travel policy and asked that more information be provided by the Town and then this be sent to the ABC Commission. A copy will be sent to the Board.
- 4) The tasting on Friday, August 16th went well. Products being represented were sold out.

New Business:

- 1) Captain, Kirk discussed the barriers that the Blowing Rock Police Department are needing.
- 2) The Manager will be on vacation for 10 days. Brent Jessee, Finance Officer, will be on vacation in September.
- 3) The Manager is still seeking a part time job position.
- 4) The Board discussed the new Omnibus Bill that was provided.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on September 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Blowing Rock ABC Store.

Following adjournment, the Board met in executive session to discuss pay rates. A decision was reached to give the staff a pay increase. The executive session was then adjourned.

Edith Nations
Blowing Rock ABC Store Manager