

**Town of Blowing Rock ABC Board  
PO Box 413**

**Member**

**Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
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**Susie Greene, Chair  
Sylvia Tarleton,**

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

The meeting was held on September 26, 2024. Chair Susie Greene called the meeting to order. The other members were present. Town Manager Shane Fox, and Blowing Rock ABC Officer T.Gunnells were 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 August 31, 2024. Sales were \$302,556.40. This was an increase from \$296,027.89 in August 2023.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Jason Carpenter, CPA, attended the September 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting to discuss the completed 2023-2024 audit report. The Board was given a copy of the audit report. Jason explained the increase in revenue for 2023-2024. Because of the increase in revenue The Blowing Rock ABC will be giving the Town of Blowing Rock a sum of \$300,000. The Board voted to continue dispersing \$9000.00 quarterly to the Town. The Board made a motion, seconded, and passed to accept the audit for 2023-2024. Jason was complimentary of the operations of the Blowing Rock ABC Store.
- 2) A motion was made, seconded, and approved to fund \$26,000.00 to the following grant applicants: \$4000.00 to Alcohol Education headed by Mary Howell, \$10,000.00 to Club 12, and \$12,000.00 to Mountain Alliance. All grants include programs involving alcohol. The Board will further research to split an extra \$9000.00 between D.A.R.E and School Resource to bring the store in compliance.
- 3) The tasting scheduled for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> was canceled.

**New Business:**

- 1) The Town Manager discussed the State of Emergency before hurricane Helene was to pass through.
- 2) Nathan Kirk will be the new Police Chief.
- 3) The Board agreed to fund additional landscaping around store.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on October 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Blowing Rock ABC Store.

Edith Nations  
Blowing Rock ABC Store Manager

