

**Tourism Development Authority**

**Minutes – October 21, 2005 (Recessed from October 4, 2005)**

**The Town of Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority met on Friday, October 21, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in a continuation of a recessed meeting from October 4, 2005. Present were Chairperson Bernard Keele, Vice-Chairperson Kent Tarbutton, Authority members Lynn Drury, Phil Pickett and Keith Tester, and Ex-officio members Scott Hildebran and Margaret Pierce.**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Keele called the meeting to order and welcomed the Authority members. He announced that the meeting was to continue their discussion of personnel matters.

Ex-officio Member Hildebran requested, based on a recommendation of the TDA Auditor, that the May 3, 2005 meeting minutes be amended to include more specific language regarding the value of the items donated to the new Visitor Center. Motion by Member Pickett and seconded by Vice-Chair Tarbutton to amend the May 3, 2005 meeting minutes to read as follows: “He stated approximately \$45,000 (\$24,000 in materials/furnishings and \$21,000 in services) worth of materials and services had been donated to the project. On behalf of the Authority, Chairperson Keele accepted these contributions and thanked everyone for their assistance with getting the building renovated and advised that he would send a “thank you” letter to all who provided resources for the project”. Motion unanimously approved.

Member Pickett advised that he attended, on behalf of the Authority, the Watauga County Commissioners meeting this past week to listen to the county efforts to create an unincorporated occupancy tax and county tourism development authority. Mr. Pickett stated that the County plans to move forward with the issue and have scheduled a public hearing in November.

**Closed Session**

Upon motion of Member Tester and second by Vice-Chair Tarbutton, the Authority convened at 8:10 a.m. in closed session pursuant to - N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(6) for discussion of personnel issues.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the closed session was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, motion by Member Tester and seconded by Member Pickett to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously approved. Chairperson Keele adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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Bernard Keele, Chairperson

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Scott E. Hildebran, Secretary