

**TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 2004  
Room 4F1 of the S.C. Department of Revenue  
9:30 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Frans Mustert, Chairman, Lanneau Siegling, Vice Chairman, Susan Cruse, Toni Nance, Mark Williams, Lee Prickett.

**Staff in Attendance:** Damita Jeter, TERC Staff.

**Guests in Attendance:** John Hoefer, TERC Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER /ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS/UPDATES:**

- **Minutes:** The Committee motioned to approve the October 12, 2004 meeting minutes as submitted.
- **Travel Vouchers:** The Committee submitted their travel vouchers to Mrs. Jeter and she disbursed checks to applicable Committee members.
- **Introduction of New Member:** Chairman Mustert introduced Lee Prickett, who is the county administrator for Calhoun County, as the new member of TERC, appointed by the Governor at the recommendation of the S.C. Association of Counties.
- **Myrtle Beach Withholding:** Mr. Hoefer updated the Committee on Myrtle Beach filing a contested case hearing with the ALJD. He said that they were filing a protest based on the Committee's decision to withhold funds based on the recipient being a for profit entity. Mr. Hoefer said that he would continue to update the Committee as the case went before the court, and he expected it to be resolved within the same amount of time frame as Florence County – about four months.
- **Legislation:** The Committee discussed the draft legislation, which never went before the General Assembly due to SCDOR, the Municipal Association and others could never come to a general consensus regarding the draft legislation. Frans said that Tom Sponseller would be involved and work with Bernie Maybank of SCDOR to try to get it inserted into this year's BAT Bill. Mr. Mustert further stated it was imperative to get the changes in the BAT bill before it goes to the floor and get an agreement from all involved parties regarding the language.
- **Past Due Reporting Forms:** Mrs. Jeter distributed a list of entities who have not yet reported. The Committee voted to request the State Treasurer's Office to withhold funds for noncompliance on those entities.
- **New Notebook Procedure:** Mrs. Jeter showed the Committee the new notebooks, which is now forms for FY 03-04. Past years forms can be found in "master notebooks" that Mrs. Jeter will have on hand at meetings.

**REVIEWED BY SUSAN CRUSE/DAVID WARREN:**

- **Aiken County:** The County sent the Committee a request for a boat in order to maintain cable and buoys on Langley Pond, which is used by both locals and tourists for rowing competitions. The Committee voted to deny the request based on the fact that it is in an area of non high concentration of tourism activity. However, if they would like to use the funds to promote the pond, they may. A letter will be drafted telling them such. .

**REVIEWED BY MARK WILLIAMS/JOHN CURRY:**

- **York County:** The Committee has been working with the County and encouraging their local committee compliance. In past meetings, it was decided TERC would wait to review the local committee until their form came in. The most recent information from the County states that they intend to appoint a representative from the Comfort Inn and switch a couple of committee members around. TERC agreed that this would meet compliance and it should be December, during the County Council meeting, when it is finalized.
- **Surfside Beach:** The Town of Surfside Beach has once again requested a waiver for the two year requirement of the 65% funds in order to reserve funds for a future beach renourishment project. The Committee voted to allow them to continue their same process, but draft a letter asking when they expect the project to take place and the funds expended.

**REVIEWED BY FRANS MUSTERT/LANNEAU SIEGLING:**

- **Pickens County:** The Committee decided to hold over reviewing the County's local committee until the next meeting.

**The Committee then reviewed the following entities FY 03-04 Accommodations Tax Reporting Forms. The following have been sent letters questioning various items such as their 65% expenditures, their 30% recipients, accurate coding and their local committee compliance.**

- **Susan/David** – Aiken County, Anderson County, City of Beaufort City of Clemson, City of Greenville, Greenville County , City of Hardeeville, Jasper County, Newberry County, Oconee County
- **Mark/John** – City of Clinton, City of Columbia , Town of Duncan, Horry County, Laurens County, City of Myrtle Beach, City of North Myrtle Beach, Orangeburg County, Town of Pawleys Island, Richland County, Town of Ridgeland, Town of Surfside Beach, York County
- **Frans/Lanneau** –Cherokee County, Colleton County, City of Florence, Florence County (**voted to deny funds for lighting**), City of Gaffney, City of Georgetown, Kershaw County, Spartanburg County (**voted to deny funding for USC Spartanburg Soccer Complex, Wofford Football Stadium, Herald Journal ads for atax applicants and Restaurant expenditure for atax committee meeting**).

**The following forms will be reviewed during the December meeting:**

•**Rod/Susie** – City of Cayce, Clarendon County, Dorchester County, Town of Hilton Head Island, Lexington County, Town of Lexington, City of North Charleston, Town of Summerville, City of Isle of Palms, Town of Mt. Pleasant, Town of Moncks Corner, City of Folly Beach, Town of St. George, City of Charleston, Town of Summerton, Town of Seabrook Island, Dillon County, Town of Santee

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Audits:** The Committee discussed the need for entities to conduct audits on atax fund recipients. Chairman Mustert will write a letter to Mr. Maybank of SCDOR seeing how his auditors might take care of this need.

**The next TERC meeting will be held Tuesday, December 7 at 10 a.m., at the Confederate Relic Room of the S.C. Museum. There being no other business, the Committee adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Damita S. Jeter*

**Damita S. Jeter, TERC Staff**