

**TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 2014**

**Market Pointe Extension  
Table Rock Conference Room  
10 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Ed Riggs, Kevin Yokim, Oliva Young, Dan Blumenstock, Mark Nix, Tom Leath, Toni Nance, Doug McFarland

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

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

- 1. Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Riggs.
- 2. Minutes:** A motion was made by Doug McFarland to approve the minutes of the January 27 TERC meeting, which was seconded by Olivia Young and approved by the full committee.
- 3. Term Renewal for TERC Committee Members:** Damita reminded several TERC committee members that their term is up for renewal, and asked them to remind the organizations which recommended their appointments to do so with the Governor's Office again.
- 4. Update from TERC Staff Attorney:** John Hoefler, TERC's staff attorney, presented TERC with the most recent developments in the City of Myrtle Beach v. TERC court case concerning \$302,000 in non-compliant expenditures. Because it is privileged information between attorney and client, Tom Leath who is City Manager of Myrtle Beach, was asked to recuse himself. After the discussion, Chairman Ed Riggs asked TERC to re-examine the current accommodations tax reporting form for the City of Myrtle Beach. After some discussion, Chairman Riggs asked for a motion to certify \$5,072,034 in expenditures as non-compliant, based on Section 6-4-10 (4) (b) of the SC Code of Laws and the interpretation that the City of Myrtle Beach cannot put all of its accommodations tax funds into the general fund according to the Statute. The motion was made by Doug McFarland, seconded by Dan Blumenstock and passed by the Committee, with Kevin Yokim being the only opposing vote.
- 5. Legislative updates/concern-** TERC discussed Senate Bill 1051, accompanying House bill and a proviso on state budget bill. All deal with TERC and would allow counties and municipalities to use funds from its general fund to "reimburse" its atax fund should TERC find expenditures in noncompliance.

**6. Review New FY 12-13 Reports:**

**Olivia, Glen**– Aiken- great job filing, Clemson- ok, Jasper County- ok, Newberry- ok, North Augusta- ok. Send letter telling them they are allowed to accumulate funds. Must be spent by 10/15. and encourage them to get advisory committee together even though not required. Pickens County- 30% recipient. Is the big league world series a nonprofit? What do they do with the 30% specifically? Seneca- why they haven't spent their 65% funds.

**Tom, Harriet, Mark**- City of Cayce- had some balancing issues. Expenditures are ok.

**Dan, Kevin** –Horry County- Question Berm Height Study and expenses associated with gospel festival. Orangeburg County – Hwy 601 project. Explain that in more detail. Lights, landscaping. Coding. Split the coding 1 and 7.

**Ed, Doug**- Charleston County- several things to question including balancing issues. Dillon County- why no 65% funds? , Town of Port Royal- ok

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**Late Reporting Forms:**

TERC has yet to receive reporting forms from the following, although contact has been made requesting they submit their reporting forms:

**Beaufort County, Berkeley County, Clinton**, Goose Creek, Laurens County, Pawleys Island

**8. TERC reviewed correspondence from the following. The correspondence was received by TERC in regards to the Committee questioning items on FY 12-13 reporting forms. A response from the City of Hardeeville has yet to be received. All others were reviewed and summary listed below. See minutes from January 27, 2014 to see what items were originally questioned.**

**Olivia, Glen**– Anderson County- ok , City of Anderson- ok, Beaufort-still need to know where you advertised, Bluffton-ok, Greenwood-ok, Greenville-ok, Greenville County-ok-, Newberry County-ok, Town of Ridgeland-ok, City of Spartanburg-correspondence submitted did not answer questions. Ask again for detailed information. Simpsonville-ok,

**Tom, Harriet, Mark**- City of Camden- ok, Cherokee County-get total attendance and budget of Jesus Jam. All other expenditures ok.

Clarendon County- ok, Town of Lexington-ok, Richland County-Olivia will help encourage someone to apply to sit on local advisory committee.

**Dan, Kevin** –Blythewood- ok, Darlington County- motion by Dan Blumenstock to withhold \$1000 based on the fact that the application was submitted late and Council approved the funds without input from the advisory committee, which is a violation. Motion seconded by Mark Nix and passed by TERC. City of North Myrtle Beach-ok, City of Rock Hill- ok, Town of Surfside Beach-ok, City of Walterboro- ok

**Ed, Doug**- City of Charleston-ok, Town of Edisto Beach- ok, St. George-ok, Town of Summerville-ok

**Other Business**

**Set Next TERC meeting date. – June 16.**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Damita Jeter**

**Damita Jeter, TERC Staff**