

## TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019, Market Pointe Extension, SC Department of Revenue, Columbia, SC  
Blue Ridge Conference Room, 10 a.m.

#### ATTENDANCE:

**Committee Members in Attendance (either in-person or via conference call):** Ed Riggs, Olivia Young, Dan Blumenstock, Spencer Wetmore, Doug McFarland, Toni Nance, Kevin Yokim, Mark Nix, Tony Tam.

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

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

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Riggs called the meeting to order.

**2. Minutes:** Doug McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018, which was seconded by Kevin Yokim and approved unanimously by TERC.

**3. Welcome new TERC Member:** TERC welcomed Spencer Wetmore, City of Folly Beach who the governor recently appointed to the Committee at the recommendation of the Municipal Association of SC to fill the vacancy of Linda Tucker.

**3. Legislative Updates/Concerns:** Toni Nance provided the Committee with a legislative update concerning legislation that would possibly affect accommodations taxes. She reminded committee members that this discussion was for informational purposes only and that TERC as a group takes no legislative position. Both a House and Senate version of a previous bill from last session has been re-introduced. If passed, it would allow local governments to use 65% monies for flooding prevention and repair. She will keep TERC apprised of other issues throughout the session.

**4. Ethics Forms:** Damita Holcomb reminded the Committee members that state required ethics reports must be filed by March 30.

#### 5. Reporting Forms Reviewed and Action:

**Reviewed by Olivia Young, Tony Tam and John Taylor:**

**City of Aiken-** need committee list

**Aiken County-** ask about committee vacancy

**City of Anderson-** appears they are carrying forward all of their expenditures. Need clarification

**Anderson County-**ask for more information for restoration of guardhouse and HVAC repair

**Beaufort County-** ask for more detail of all expenditures in order to determine tourism impact

**City of Beaufort** –Approved

**Bluffton** – ask them about Heyward House expenditure, submitting a new committee list and carry forward amount

**Clemson-**Approved

**Easley-** ask about committee vacancy

**Greenville County-** ask about cultural committee member

**Greenville-** Approved

**Greenwood-**Approved

**Greenwood County-** ask for clarification of all expenditures coded 2 or 3,

**Hardeeville-**remind them about the law regarding two-year time frame for carry forward, and ask about cultural committee position

**Hilton Head-**ask about vacancy of cultural position on committee

**Jasper County-**Approved

**Newberry County-**Approved

**North Augusta-**Approved

**Oconee County-**verify that salary expenditure for visitor center employees are for county employees

**Ridgeland**-ask about expenditures for lighted musical tree, lowcountry planation and field benefit. Also find out why it appears the local government did not approve expenditures, and ask for advisory committee list.

**City of Simpsonville**-verify 30 percent recipient

**Seneca**-verify visitors' center expenditure is fully tourism

**Travelers Rest**-ask about sending expanded detail for all expenditures to verify tourism impact.

**Reviewed by Dan Blumenstock and Kevin Yokim:**

**Blythewood**- question 30 percent recipient and amount of funds spent

**Conway** – question Waccamaw Market Cooperative and American Rivers

**Darlington County**- question why no DMO listed for 30 percent funding

**Fort Mill**- need committee list

**Horry County**- question volleyball disbursement

**Lancaster**- question their only expenditure which was payment of construction fee for Lindsay Pettus Greenway Trail

**Lancaster County** – question children's council expenditure

**Myrtle Beach**- three expenditures not disbursed which were approved. (Coastal Uncorked, Myrtle Beach Track and Field and Palmetto Event Products). Verify these will be funded.

**North Myrtle Beach** – need committee list

**Orangeburg**- need committee list

**Pawley's Island** - Approved

**Rock Hill**- Approved

**City of Sumter/Sumter County** - Approved

**Surfside Beach**- Approved

**Reviewed by Mark Nix**

**Camden**-request more information on EQUUS film festival

**Cayce**- Need Committee list

**Cheraw**- need to verify if funds were actually allocated and how funds were used for tourism

**Chester County**-request more info on Lando Days celebration and Hog on the Hill

**Chesterfield County**- remind them of the law concerning carrying forward funds past the two year time frame, many of their 30 percent recipients are questionable, question how the ATV for police is justifiable in this County

**Cherokee County**- Approved

**Clarendon County**- Approved

**Columbia**-Approved

**Gaffney**- Approved

**Georgetown**- unclear on 30 percent recipient. Ask for clarification.

**Georgetown County**- inquire about their carry forward amount.

**Irmo**- Approved

**Kershaw County**- Remind them to watch their carry forward amount and ask them to remit the Committee list in our format.

**Lexington**-Approved

**Lexington County**- Need committee list

**Richland County**- Substantial negative balance (close to \$2 million), which needs to be questioned. Also ask them to remit committee list in our format

**Spartanburg County**- Approved

**Spartanburg**- remind them to make sure they are spending all funds within the two year time frame and question why Hog Festival funds were not disbursed

**West Columbia**- Remind them about the law concerning spending carry forward amount within the two year time frame.

**Reviewed by Ed Riggs, Doug McFarland and Spencer Wetmore**

**Charleston** – Approved

**Charleston County** –ask on update on finding advisory committee members

**Dillon County** – Need more information on all expenditures and need committee list in our format

**Dillon** – Ask about repairs to Historical Society building

**Dorchester County** –Get tourism data on Fort Dorchester High School, Kids Day and Timrod Library

**Edisto** –Get update on Bell Buoy project

**Florence** –Approved

**Florence County** – Approved

**Folly Beach** - Approved

**Isle of Palms** –Approved

**Kiawah Island** – Need committee list

**Moncks Corner** – Inquire about 30 percent recipient (Berkeley Chamber) since they are under FBI investigation.

**Mt Pleasant** – Slight mathematical errors. Ask them to correct math for next year. Additionally, need committee list.

**North Charleston** – Approved

**Pickens County** – Approved

**Santee** – verify 30 percent recipient and the golf tournament expenditure, which is their only 65% expenditure.

**Seabrook Island** – remind them about the law concerning two year time frame for spending carry forward funds.

**St. George** – Approved

**6.. The following reporting forms have yet to come in. Once submitted, they will be forwarded to committee members for review.**

**Port Royal, Berkeley County, Goose Creek, Summerville, Sullivans Island, City of Chester (First time reporting and barely - \$26,000), Town of Chesterfield, (first time reporting and barely -\$28,000), Manning, Colleton County, Walterboro, Darlington County, Hartsville, Lake City, Greer, Laurens County, City of Clinton, Springdale, City of Newberry, Orangeburg County, Duncan, York County**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next meeting date will be May 13, 2019 at the SCDOR..

There being no other business, Doug McFarland motioned to adjourn Olivia Young seconded. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Damita S. Holcomb  
TERC STAFF