

MEXICO BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

Type: Monthly Meeting

When: Thursday, December 16, 2021 - Mexico Beach Welcome Center

Attending:

Sandie Yarbrough	Director	Robert Carroll	Director
Cathey Hobbs	Director	Mike Burke	Attorney (Phone)
Jack Mullen	Director	Kimberly Shoaf	President
Wylie Petty	Director	Kathy Krum	

The meeting was brought to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. After review, a motion was made by Director Hobbs and seconded by Director Mullen to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: President Shoaf presented the current year-to-date financial report. Discussion followed. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mullen and seconded by Director Carroll to approve the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

Tourist Development Tax Collections: President Shoaf reviewed with the board the monthly tourist development tax collections, showing a continuing increase over last year's tax collections. Discussion followed.

Ongoing Business:

- **Beach Restoration Project Update-**President Shoaf stated that the beach restoration project is still moving forward and we are still waiting for the federal permit approval.
- **Audit FY21 Update-**President Shoaf shared with the board that the audit is ongoing. President Shoaf presented to the board that the audit fee for this year is double the amount of previous years. She attached an email from Rich Moreira at Carr Riggs & Ingram stating the fee for the audit has increased to be more in line with the actual cost of the audit. Discussion followed. President Shoaf and Director Carroll will investigate further.
- **Welcome Center Sign-**President Shoaf stated that the problem with the sign has not been resolved and she will again follow up in January. Discussion followed.

New Business:

- **House Bill 673 proposed-** President Shoaf presented proposed House Bill 673 to the board. She stated that the synopses of the bill would increase the TDT percentage allotment for public safety as well as add an additional percentage of TDT for tourism training programs. Discussion followed. President Shoaf expressed her concerns with HB673 and stated she will continue to monitor the bill's traction as well speak to legislators for assistance with rectifying this bill.

Presidents Report: President Shoaf reminded the board of the Welcome Center's Christmas hours and noted that the Welcome Center will be closed on January 3rd in observance of New Year's Day. She shared that the Christmas Tree lighting went well, and that Gumbo Cook-Off will be on February 19th. She reminded the board that the January meeting will be our annual meeting held on January 24th 2022.

A motion was made by Director Carroll and second by Director Petty to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Carroll
Secretary/Treasurer
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