

1. Meeting Called to order by Carol at 10:05 AM. Ken Hosted meeting.
2. **Community Members:**
 - a. Walter Wilson Community Ctr is coming along well. Updated current stage of construction – widening the driveway and installing a retaining wall! Funding: Short of about \$250K. Christmas Bazaar at the Grange Dec 1, Choir performance from the Waltherville school.
 - b. Reminder to drop off bottles at Leaburg Market or pick-up by the Bottle Boys to support local.
3. Approval of September Minutes: **Carol Moved to approve, Michael second – passed**
4. **Treasurers Report:** Carol - September **Chris Moved to approve, Patty second – passed**
5. **Website/Membership:** Tabled
6. **Tourism:** Carol – Next Tourism meeting: September
 - a. West McKenzie Gateway sign completed original bid \$160K final Cost is \$157K. Chamber has 2/3 of funds in hand. Efforts to raise the balance is in the works. The Chamber has some unallocated funds to cover some in the short term and recoup the dollars from the 2023 RTMP, but not enough to cover the full balance due.
 - b. East sign project has not started yet. \$150K funds are set aside with the county, from the State legislature for this sign. The costs have risen since original estimates. Challenges for construction is being worked through with multiple contractors for various stages of construction. Entities have offered funding that have not come forward yet, in addition to grant opportunity that will be coordinated with McKenzie Community Partnership. Approvals from everyone for the location 126/20 and a bit south not far from Fish Lake. This sign is more expensive than the West sign.
 - c. RTMP – 2023 summary for proposal from the board is due Nov 11 to the county.
 - i. A new project added to budget for a one page summary in the Lodging rooms of resources. Currently doing research to see if this is feasible.
 - ii. 2nd addition is McKenzie History Hwy Enhancements to update website
 - iii. Caddisfly Concert may be covered in a current grant request, so it was not added to the 2023 proposal. If the funds for the grant fails, the Chamber would reassess how to fund
 - d. McKenzie History Highway per Ken: Interest in having a few more, but not defined. Determine the most useful to the public.
 - e. Carol needs the board to sign-off approval for the proposal. It is flexible on how we use the funds, as long as we follow RTMP guidelines.
7. **Discovery Center Update:**
 - a. Project is 18M need to raise 3M to be reimbursed 3M by the lottery reimbursement. A hired fundraiser is working on it. Once 40% funding committed level (6M), the rest will be covered.
8. **Facebook Boosts** tabled.

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9. **New/Old Business:**

- a. Ken announced that the **emergency radio** project is back on track to provide service – one at Jeffrey Dehne’s property and another in Vida. **Repeaters** for emergencies to enhance communications from east to west in about 4 different areas to be used daily or during power outages. Base stations (50 watt) and homes communicate to the Hub. The Hub would communicate to the other base stations. Repeaters will work off Solar Power with backup generators. Grants available to help purchase the Repeaters. Home owners would need to purchase **GMRS** radio a hand-held 5 watt unit, and get a **FCC** license for \$35 that all family members can use for recreational use hiking/boating for secure communication in out of cell range areas. Budget allows for 75 for people who cannot afford them. There are several repeater sites around on different channels.
- b. Glen Landing Meeting: Project to get a Parking area to handle 12 cars and 12 boats to get people off the right-away of Hwy 126. 3 landings – but the two western landings are eroding. Looking to widen and staging area for a pre-launch space. Will refine a proposal for next fall. Discussion for an updated toilet

10. Next board meeting is November 17, 2022

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Mission To promote increased tourism and overnight stays in the McKenzie River area.

Focus MRCC will stay on task with consistent meetings for 2022, recruit board members, membership and participation in the Tourism Committee Meetings.

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