



**Convention & Visitors Bureau
Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen Area**

**Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2015**

Members Present: David Byers, Jack Bickart, Tom Beddow, George Little, Claire Borneman, Bonnie McPeake, Kelly Miller, Linda Parsons, Caroline Xiong, Pat Corso

Members Absent: Randy Saunders, Wayne Vest

Staff Present: Caleb Miles, Karen Davis

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Little.

Chairman Little introduced and welcomed David Sinclair of The Pilot to the board.

Chairman Little announced that this specially called meeting was to vote on the plan presented for the Aberdeen Sports Complex that was approved by the CVB's Feasibility Committee. Motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Member Byers, Feasibility Committee Chairman, seconded by Member McPeake. Chairman Little asked for questions or a discussion. Discussion transpired.

Vice Chairman Beddow had questions regarding the funding of the complex.

Member Miller brought a memorandum to be included with the recording of the minutes, stating his position on the plan. He does not support the board moving forward with this plan. He had questions regarding financing options.

Mr. Miles updated the board that research has begun on grants and sponsorships to help offset the costs of the complex.

Member Corso stated that voting on the plan is the first step before financing could be obtained.

Member Bickart stated he has a similar position as Member Miller. Pinehurst Resort has similar concerns as Mid Pines and Pine Needles.

Member Borneman questioned the reasoning of Member Miller and Member Bickart objecting the complex. Discussion transpired.

Mr. Miles reviewed the timeline and based on a favorable vote the next step would be (on November 17th) a presentation to the County Commissioners on the proposed plan. Next most likely would be a work session with the County Commissioners.

Chairman Little gave a brief description of the history of the Chamber and CVB. Member Miller stated that he was also a part of the original members that created the CVB.


Member McPeake expressed that the board has a great opportunity before it and won't be here again in respect to the Ransdell Family donating the land. Discussion transpired.

Member Corso said we need to view the whole area as one community and learn to diversify in order to sustain our area.

Chairman Little called for the question. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-2. He reminded everyone of the next scheduled CVB Board meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4pm.

There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Bickart
CVB Secretary/Treasurer

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