

**HARRISON COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Harrison County Tourism Commission met Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at its office located at 2350 Beach Blvd, Suite A, Biloxi, MS.

Commissioners Present: Kenneth Montana, president; Rip Daniels, vice president; Drew Allen, treasurer; Beverly Martin, secretary; John Carter; Judge Danny Guice; Jon Lucas; Wilma Rizzardi; Bill Holmes, ex-officio

HCTC Staff Members Present: Richard Forester, executive director; Crystal Johnson, director of sales; Sharon McDonald, director of finance; Janice Jones, marketing department; Justin McGuffee, sales department; Traci Dauro, admin assistant

Others Present: Hugh Keating, legal counsel; Laura Hasty and Andy Hurt, the Big Three; Linda Hornsby, MS Hotel & Lodging Assn; Bridgett Varone, MS Hospitality & Rest Assn; Clay Wagner, Hancock Bank; Mary Cracchiolo-Spain, Beau Rivage; Evelina Shmukler, Christmas in the Pass

Commissioner Montana called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the BP Grant funded applications as specified in the applications made.

Commissioner Montana called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Guice, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Old Business

Approve the following request for BP Grant fund applications and disbursement of funds:

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the Harrison County Fairgrounds/Gulf Coast Classic, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Guice, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes

<i>Kenneth Montana</i> <i>President</i>	<i>Rip Daniels</i> <i>Vice President</i>	<i>Drew Allen</i> <i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Beverly Martin</i> <i>Secretary</i>	<i>Hugh Keating</i> <i>Legal Counsel</i>	<i>Richard Forester</i> <i>Executive Director</i>
<i>John Carter</i> <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Danny Guice</i> <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Daniel T. "Danny" Hansen</i> <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Jon Lucas</i> <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Wilma Rizzardi</i> <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Bill Holmes</i> <i>Ex-Officio</i>

Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, 29th Annual Biloxi Seafood Festival, in the amount of \$70,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the Gulf Coast Fall Youth Fall Classic Soccer in the amount of \$22,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the MS Coast Restaurant & Beverage Assn, Chefs of the Coast, in the amount of \$407,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the Magnolia Classic USFA Fast Pitch, in the amount of \$7,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
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Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the Cruisin' the Coast, in the amount of \$125,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Lucas, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the MS Hotel & Lodging Assn, MS Gulf Coast Charter Boat Fishing Tournament Challenge, in the amount of \$105,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Commissioner Hansen made the motion to approve the BP Grant application from the MS Hotel & Lodging Assn, MS Deep Sea Charter Boat Fishing Shootout, in the amount of \$81,000, and disbursement as same. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Legal Counsel Report – Hugh Keating

Reviewed and recommending the execution of the Kiosk Service Agreement between the Harrison County Tourism Commission and Kodiak Holding Co., LLC for the operations of a visitor's center located at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport Terminal.

Commissioner Carter made the motion authorizing the Commission President to execute the contract between the Harrison County Tourism Commission and Kodiak Holding Co., LLC for a 90 day trial period, and if everything is satisfactory the contract will be extended for one year. Seconded by Commissioner Guice, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Abstained
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Commission, the president declared the motion adopted September 7, 2010.

Discuss RFP for the Fun Times Guide

Reminders:

1. HCTC meeting – Tuesday, Sept 21st @ 1:30 pm

Public

Linda Hornsby thanked the Commission for the outstanding job done with handling the BP Grant funds.

Bridgette Varone also thanked the Commission and gave an update of Chefs of the Coast being held Sept 24 – 26, 2010.

Laura Hasty, the Big Three presented the Commission with two Addy Awards.

Commissioner Guice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Martin, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Allen	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Carter	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Daniels	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Guice	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Martin	Voted -----Yes
Commissioner Rizzardi	Voted -----Yes

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