**Stanton Tourism & Convention Commission**

Regularl Meeting

Stanton City Hall

March 19th, 2019

6:30pm

**In Attendance**

Joey Casey                    Susan Watson

Annie Kinser Mayor Dale Allen

LeAndre Knox Scott Graham

Ethan Moore

**Call to Order**

Chairman, Kim Tharpe calls the meeting to order. Ethan Moore makes a motion to approve submitted minutes from the March 7th, Special Meeting. Susan Watson seconds the motion. All in favor; minutes approved.

**Spring Gorge Guide Printing Update**

Ethan Moore updates the commission on the agreement made by regional entities participating in the Spring Gorge Guide print. Wolfe County requested additional bids from various marketing and publishing firms, all of which far exceeded the proposed bid of Alight Marketing.

Lee County Tourism has produced a letter of support, funding 25% of the project. Powell County Tourism has committed up to $2500.00. Clay City Tourism has promised $1000.00. Menifee County Tourism is still in the early stages of formation and will commit when they have solidified numbers and a finalized budget. Estill will also participate and will follow up with concrete figures.

Kim Tharpe signed contract on behalf of the STCC to move forward with Alight Marketing. An invoice for the 50% deposit, totaling $5000.000 was issued and paid to begin the design process. Participating regional entities will reimburse the STCC at a later date. Final guides should be to print by mid June or July with ample time before State Fair.

Moore informs the commission that a subcommittee to be called “Fellowship of the Gorge” has been created for the sole purpose of jointly designing the Gorge Guide. Each entity will have one representative with a designated backup to prevent absences. Each participating board will have one vote. Meetings will be held at various locations in the region.

LeAndre Knox inquires again in regards to adding a medical section for available Walk In Clinics. Ethan Moore responds that those open on weekends will be added as well as grocery stores.

**Storage Building**

Brian Morton and Mayor Allen inform the commission that construction is complete with the exception of adding the garage door. Keys will be left at City Hall. Morton suggests using the remainder of building budget to add gravel from the building to Maple Street to create an easier access. All members are in favor.

**Review of Part Time Director Applications**

Members review five applications for the position of Part Time Director. Interviews are discussed and Ethan Moore informs commission of information gained through contacted references.

Susan Watson makes a motion to hire Tammi Milby for the position of Part Time Stanton Tourism & Convention Commission Director. Kim Tharpe seconds the motion. Motion comes to a vote.

Brian Morton – Yes, Joey Casey – Yes, Annie Kinser – Abstains, LeAndre Knox – Abstains,

Kim Tharpe – Yes, Ethan Moore – Yes, Susan Watson – Yes.

 Tammi Milby will be recommended by the STCC to the Stanton City Council on April 11th as the new hire. If approved, April 15th,  2019 will be the hire date.

**Adjournment**

Kim Tharpe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ethan Moore. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held April 16th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**Stanton Tourism & Convention Commission**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

      Secretary, Annie Kinser

**Approval of Minutes**

I certify that the foregoing minutes were duly approved by the Stanton Tourism & Convention Commission at a meeting held on the date stated below:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

     Chairman, Kim Tharpe

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_