

## Arkansas Wine Producers Council

Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2019

Council Members: Andrew Post, Audrey House, Bob Cowie, Dennis Wiederkehr, Michael Post, Montine McNulty, Renee Threlfall

Call to Order – Andrew Post at 10:00 am.

### Roll Call

- Present: Andrew Post, Audrey House, Bob Cowie, Renee Threlfall, Michael Post, Dennis Wiederkehr
- Not Present: Montine McNulty has a Tourism Meeting in Nashville, TN
- Others: Sherrie Sowers - AAGG President, Paul Post Guest, Kacey Post Guest

### Reading of the Minutes – Dennis Wiederkehr

- Motion to approve Renee Threlfall motion, Bob Cowie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carried by all.

Treasurer Report – Michael Post reported that when cashed \$10,000 from the \$10,260 CD. Paid the two outstanding invoices.

- Motion to approve \$7,516.99 Balance. Plus \$30,000 CD. Dennis Motion Renee 2<sup>nd</sup>

AWPC Members and Appointment Review: Only these members will conduct business on behalf of the Arkansas Wine Producers Council

Robert Cowie – 2019 thru 2022 (Appointed by Governor to replace Dr. Douglas Hausler)

Audrey House – 2019 thru 2022 (Appointed by Governor to replace Al Wiederkehr)

Andrew Post – 2019 thru 2022 (Re-appointed by Governor)

Dr. Michael Post – 2019 thru 2022 (Re-appointed by Governor)

Dennis Wiederkehr – thru 2020

Dr. Renee Threlfall – Appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

Montine McNulty – Appointed by the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission

Nomination of Officers – Andrew Post open the nominations

- Chairman Nomination of Audrey House
- Vice-Chair Nomination of Renee Threlfall
- Treasurer Nomination of Michael Post

- Secretary Nomination of Dennis Wiederkehr

#### Election of Officers – Andrew Post

- Andrew Post called for a vote to approve nominated officers. Vote carried unanimously
- Chairman Audrey House
- Vice-Chair Dr. Renee Threlfall
- Treasurer Dr. Michael Post
- Secretary Dennis Wiederkehr

Andrew Post outgoing Chairman turned the meeting over to Chairman Audrey House.

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#### Report on Appropriation of funds

- \$5,000 annual Appropriation to the Wine Producers Council
- Funds in TDP 9212 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, leasing, maintaining, operating, and staffing a wine tourism facility in Franklin County: \$1,042,889.50
- Appropriation for Visitors Center – Does a committee exist to complete this project. Michael. Not at this point.
- Motion for a committee to oversee the building and implementation of the Visitors Center, Andrew Post, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Review and Approval of Bylaws

- Renee Threlfall discussed the draft of the bylaws.
- Recommended to separate Secretary and Treasurer to reflect the officers in the AWPC.
- Motion to refer further bylaws work to a Committee Michael Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey House, Motion carried. All

#### Any other old business

- Movie House Winery Signs. AWPC must approve the move for ARDOT to take action on the move.
- Movie House asked to pay for sign move through AWPC
- Motion to send the approval to ARDOT to move the Movie House Winery Highway signs contingent on the payment being made and accepted by Movie House by Andrew Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cowie. Motion carried all.

#### New Business

- Announcement: Renee Threlfall implementing a wine quality assurance program. Quality Certification Program.
- Bylaws Committee: Renee Threlfall, Andrew Post, Michael Post
- Grant Committee:

- Tourist Center Committee: Michael Post, Andrew Post, Bob Cowie, and Audrey House. Audrey House recommended all be involved.
- Website Committee: Renee Threlfall, Audrey House, Dennis Wiederkehr

Meeting Schedule: Proposed -- Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 10:00 to 12:00 pm - Tuesday, May 19, 2020,  
- Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - Tuesday, November 17, 2020

- Meeting dates okay by council.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – Andrew Post, Michael Post 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carried
- Time – 11:15 am