# NATCHEZ CONVENTION & PROMOTION COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 1:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Helen Moss Smith, Lance Harris, Barbara Bruce, Dana Wilson,

Robbie Cade Furdge online and Katie McCabe online

Staff: Lynsey Gilbert, Jessica Cauthen, Mallory Lancaster, Roscoe

Barnes and Devin Heath

Guests: Ryan Richardson, Peyton Cavin, Walter Tipton, Hartley Inge and

Caroline Rogers with Lou Hammond Group

### **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Helen Smith called the meeting to order at 1:06pm and welcomed everyone.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY BOARD MEETING**

Barbara Bruce motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson, to accept and approve the May 17, 2023 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCIALS**

Peyton Cavin with Silas Simmons presented the financials.

Dana Wilson motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the financial documents for June 21, 2023 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade Furdge, to empower the President/Chairperson and Executive Director to engage with The Alluvial Collective to conduct the training sessions as outlined in the proposal and to negotiate a contract up to \$12,000.00 and also to include travel costs that will be individually approved by the President/Chairperson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Bruce left the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Dana Wilson motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade Furdge, to approve Hometown for our Visitor Guide.

The motion passed unanimously.

The next NCPC Board Meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 10:00am due to a scheduling conflict with the Destinations International annual convention that will be attended by Devin Heath and Lynsey Gilbert.

The annual Tourism Summit is scheduled for September 28.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by, Dana Wilson to go into closed determination.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson, to go into Executive Session to discuss transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding location, relocation, expansion of business or industry and/or transaction of business and discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security, personnel, plans or devices.

The motion passed unanimously.

The NCPC returned to Regular Session at 3:20pm.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson, that we present the proposal for joint venture for Natchez Visitor Center at the Depot to the City of Natchez officials pending final edits and a review approval by the Chairman/President for hopeful adoption by the City of Natchez.

The motion passed unanimously,

#### <u>Adjourn</u>

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by	Dana Wilson to adjourn	meeting at 3:22 pm.
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The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:	
Helen Smith, Chairperson	
Robbie Cade Furdge Secretary/Treasure	– er