



**Committee Report:**

**Tourism Development Grant Committee** – Ryan Roark reported that the committee met on April 1, 2019, to review an initial payment and one (1) extension request.

1. The Twin City Art Foundation/Masur Museum requested the first 75% payment of funds for \$1,912.50 to print a new brochure for the museum.

Ryan Roark moved and seconded by Mickey Merritt to approve the first 75% to the Twin City Art Foundation for \$1,912.50. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

2. The City of Monroe, Community Affairs Director, Robert C. Johnson submitted a letter to the committee requesting a 30-day extension for the grant of \$20,000.00 for Capital Improvements to the Chennault Disc Golf Course. Ryan Roark reported that the committee recommended a forty-five day (45) extension from April 1 until May 15, 2019, for the completion.

Ryan Roark moved and seconded by Omar Elgourani to approve a forty-five day (45) extension for the completion of the Chennault Disc Golf Course with a deadline of May 15, 2019, and a 75% payment. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

**President/CEO Report:** Alana Cooper reported that the Monroe-West Monroe area will host the BMX Cajun Nationals at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center for the next three (3) year, from 2019 through 2021. She requested board approval to dedicate \$12,000.00 per year for three years with a total amount of \$36,000.0 for the rental cost to Ike Hamilton Expo Center to host the event.

Omar Elgourani moved and seconded by Mickey Merritt to dedicate \$12,000.00 per year for three (3) year, from 2019 through 2021 in the total amount of \$36,000.00 for the rental cost to host the BMX Cajun Nationals at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

Alana Cooper reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau is planning to bring three (3) new events to the Monroe-West Monroe area. The events are in the planning stage, and she would like to dedicate funds to host the events. She requested \$32,000.00 for the events as listed.

1. One and Half Mile Marathon \$15,000.00
2. River Ride Run \$ 8,000.00
3. Ice Town Festival \$ 9,000.00

Omar Elgourani moved and seconded by Roderick Worthy to approve dedicating \$32,000.00 to host three (3) new events in the Monroe-West Monroe area. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Roderick Worthy moved and seconded by Mickey Merritt to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

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Sammy Gordy, Chairwoman

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Mickey Merritt, Secretary/Treasurer