



Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

Zoom

Council Members Present:

Tareneh Manning – Chair
Chris Villines– Vice-Chair
Mike Mills – Secretary/Disbursing Officer
Bobbie Shepherd
Jimmy Bryant
Regina Walker
Robby Bevis
Jim Shamburger
Tommy Land

Council Members Absent:

Carol Felton

Staff/Guests Present:

Debra Fithen
Elaine Lienhart
Jami Fisher
Daniel Faulkner
ARCAN (PBS)

Chair Tareneh Manning called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone, especially Mike Mills, the new Cabinet Secretary. Elaine Lienhart called the roll.

Chair Tareneh Manning asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 5, 2022, meeting. Robby Bevis made a motion to approve the minutes; Jimmy Bryant seconded, and the motion carried.

Jami Fisher, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the financial report for the ten (10) month period ended February 28, 2023. She presented a break-down of the balance in the Collections account



including YTD Collections, interest earned, close out of the FY 2022 grant award and funding of the FY 2023 grant award. As of February 28, 2023, the balance in the Collections account was \$48,868,012.45.

As of February 28, 2023, ANCRC funds totaled \$85,823,384.17.

Jimmy Bryant made a motion to approve the financials as presented; Jim Shamburger seconded, and the motion carried.

The Arkansas Archeological Survey had requested funding but there was a mishap at DF&A and not all of the funds they requested were transferred at the end of the fiscal year. Jim Shamburger made a motion to approve; Regina Walker seconded, and the motion carried.

General Counsel Daniel Falkner stated that Arkansas code §25-16-902 requires the Council to authorize the method of expense reimbursement for members at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. The Council currently uses the same method as the state reimbursement method for employees. Tommy Land made the motion to approve the Council be reimbursed mileage at the "state rate." Bobbi Shepherd seconded, and the motion carried.

Jimmy Bryant made a motion to approve the financials as presented; Jim Shamburger seconded, and the motion carried.

Debra Fithen gave a program update including information for the upcoming funding meeting.

Chair Manning asked for public comments; there were none.

Debra Fithen stated the next meeting will be the funding meeting, May 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.

Robby Bevis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jimmy Bryant seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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