

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Public Meeting  
April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Committee Chair M. Carroll.

Present: M. Carroll (Chair), M. Poulsen (V. Chair), S. Black (Secretary), S. Packwood, J. Arguelles (BOD Liaison), C. Pillsbury (POA CEO), J. Webb (POA Communication & Marketing)

Absent: S. Kirk, G. Ready, J. Bettencourt

Guests: Otto Stutz, Susan Gingrich, Bob Brunetti (BOD President)

M. Carroll welcomed the guests to the meeting.

M. Poulsen reported on the State of Kahite meeting on April 3rd.

M. Poulsen reported that Tellico Reservoir Development Authority (TRDA) has an upcoming meeting (Tellico Reservoir Community Committee) on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, with the surrounding area's HOAs on various subjects, with the latest concern being people camping (long and short-term), and having camp fires, on public land around the lake.

The committee confirmed the dates of those who are to be attending the upcoming electoral candidate forums and those officials who will be speaking in front of the committee.

The committee discovered that there is a timing conflict with Tom Hatcher, candidate for state Senate District 2, on May 14<sup>th</sup> to speak in front of the committee. The time slot was already filled, and he will have to be rescheduled for another date.

The committee discussed the idea of having a candidate debate either instead of or in addition to forums. It was decided that a modified forum would be best.

S. Packwood reported on the latest Loudon County Commissioners meeting. The only thing of concern was that on February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Tellico Village Fire Rescue and County Paramedics responded to a medical emergency at the Chota tennis court. On arrival, the Fire Rescue and Paramedics had a victim down with a heart attack. The paramedics had to do multiple defibrillations on the scene and en route to the hospital. The victim recovered and was at the meeting to thank all concerned for their lifesaving efforts.

C. Pillsbury reported that Loudon Utility Board (LUB) still does not have a permanent Director, but the LUB attorney is handling all business-related subjects, and an unnamed supervisor is handling all operations-related subjects. Also, Buddy Bradshaw was up for reappointment to LUB, but the vote was tied. In such a case, the Loudon County Mayor has to vote to break the tie, which he did by voting yea. Thus, Buddy Bradshaw was approved for another term as a LUB member.

Bob Brunetti was asked if he would like to address the committee, but he declined.

Otto Stutz was asked if he would like to address the committee, and he accepted. He introduced himself and gave a short personal and career background.

S. Gingrich was asked if she would like to address the committee, which she accepted. She handed out to the committee a copy of an email response from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to her inquiry on any statutory requirements for recycling. TDEC responded that there are not any; recycling is just highly encouraged.

She asked if the state "Sunshine Law" applies to the Tellico Village Property Owners' Association (TVPOA) or to the Board of Directors (BOD), to which C. Pillsbury responded that they do not. The "Sunshine Law" applies to elected public officials, which the TVPOA and the BOD are not. She then asked about the TVPOA's Document Request Form, which she also handed out, which states a Notary is required. It was pointed out that the form states it must be either signed in the presence of a TVPOA employee or be Notarized.

She expressed her concern that the Loudon County Solid Waste Commission was not transparent. She was informed that there was nothing the committee could do about that.

She then proceeded to express her appreciation for the good work of the committee and the hard and important work the members do. The committee thanked her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1000 hours.

S. Black, Committee Secretary