

Governmental Affairs Committee
Tellico Village POA
Minutes of the Meeting on March 9, 2021

The meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) was called to order at 2:00 pm on March 9, 2021 by Susan Kirk.

ATTENDANCE

Present: John Baucom, Carey Brown, Ray Byers, Sharon Jones, Susan Kirk
POA Liaison Rick Blough. Visitor Mark Pantley (HOA VP Advocacy)

Absent: Tom McCrystal, Tom Lee

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting minutes of February 9, 2021 were approved.

UPDATES

POA 2021 Advisory Committee Members

A list of Advisory Committees and members was distributed for Sharon to scan and send to GAC committee.

Volunteer Hours and Contributions

John Baucom distributed a summary of Tellico Village resident volunteer hours and donated funds tabulated so far. Valued at \$23.60 per hour, time volunteered is worth \$4,028,308 and donations \$2,806,072 in Loudon County.

Congressman Burchett, Speaker at Calhoun's February 16th.

The polarization in Washington, D.C. was discussed.

TRDA Meeting

John Baucom provided an overview of the meeting and will give more details next time. Rick has a copy of TRDA proposals and can share it.

Committee of 100 Meeting

No one was able to attend this meeting. Susan Kirk will be present on March 11 when the subject is Tennessee National.

County Commission

Carey gave an overview of topics such as the upcoming Jumbotron drive-in theater, Steekee Creek cell tower, and potential new federal and state grants.

School Board

Carey attended the school board annual planning meeting and provided an extensive summary. Adopt A Class needs substitutes., especially the summer program for students with below average grades.

Expected enrollment is 600 children in grades 1-5 and 350 children in middle school. The goal is a 20:1 ratio of teachers to students. The schools only have 15 of 20 school bus drivers for summer. Volunteers are also needed as reading partners for children. A budget cut of \$500,000 is projected due to loss of enrollment from 140 homeschooled students.

Voter Integrity Proposals

The state legislature has proposed voter integrity laws, according to Carey.

Meals on Wheels

Mark Pantley was informed about a complaint that Meals on Wheels was reluctant to deliver in Tellico Village. He referred the committee to the Stay in TV group.

Telegram Releases

- 1) Continue collecting information about local volunteer hours and donations.
- 2) Notify residents about real property reappraisal for Loudon County. Include links to the property assessor's office, important dates, how to file an appeal.
- 3) Revisions to the TVA Tellico Reservoir Land Management Plan (RLMP)
- 4) Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is collecting invasive carp of 9" or less caught in Tennessee waterways. It asks residents to put Bighead or Silver Carp on ice or freeze and contact the agency.
- 5) Volunteer recruitment for Loudon County schools
- 6) Proposed voter integrity laws

Guests Scheduled

Public Meeting ended at 2:40 pm