

**JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING**

HELD
Via Video Conference
June 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Members attending:

Chair Chuck Ledsinger
Co-Vice Chair Chris Wall
Treasurer Chris Miller
Co-Secretary Jim Campi
Co-Secretary Betsy Merrit
Gertraud Hechl
Kathleen Kilpatrick
Hollis McLoughlin
Martha Raymond
David Vela
David Williams

JTHG Team attending:

Bill Sellers
Michelle Burrelli
Katherine Wilkins
Katie Smolar
Becky Wilhelm

Other Attendees:

Brent Glass
Claire Manspile

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am

Chair Ledsinger confirmed that the Notice of Meeting has been given and that a quorum is in attendance.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 11, 2022 Board meeting.

MOTION BY: Chris Wall
SECONDED BY: David Vela
NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

Financial Discussion

Mr. Miller stated he is stepping down from the position of Treasurer.

Ms. Manspile from Yount, Hyde and Barbour presented the FY2021 Financial Statement and Audit.

Motion: To approve the FY2021 Audit and Financial Statement.

MOTION BY: Chris Miller
SECONDED BY: David Vela

NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

Motion: To approve the FY2021 Form 990.

MOTION BY: Chris Miller

SECONDED BY: Chris Wall

NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Sellers thanked Ms. Manspile for helping us through this transition, and Ms. Wilhelm for her help ensuring this process has been smooth.

Mr. Sellers discussed our overall cash position being lower currently than expected due to a donor being late in their contribution, and the NPS funding not yet being received.

Ms. Wilhelm presented the Balance Sheet and current financials. Ms. Wilhelm and Mr. Sellers discussed the procurement policy.

National History Academy

Mr. Sellers gave an overview of NHA recruiting, policy, and CDC guidance for camps. He discussed the current spike of COVID-19 and the planned procedures for a quarantine if needed.

Ms. Burrelli presented the new app, staff training course, the current recruiting numbers, and the group WhatsApp chat.

Dr. Glass discussed his partnership with the Idaho State Historical Society, who will be covering transportation for three students from Idaho. He also discussed recent conversations with Gilder Lehrman. Mr. Vela discussed his recent conversations with Mr. Medema from NPS. Mr. Campi discussed the America250 efforts.

Mr. Sellers also discussed the ACA accreditation process, which Ms. Smolar is working through.

National Scenic Byway

Mr. Sellers discussed the Culpeper Datacenter and the event next Tuesday. JTHG is also involved in Datacenter fights in Fauquier and Prince William Counties.

Mr. Miller provided some background and stated that the level of development pressure along the National Scenic Byway and within the Heritage Area is unprecedented, lead by data centers, distribution centers and utility scale solar. Additionally, site developers are seeking sites outside of the designated areas that already exist

Ms. Merritt discussed that some of the county boards reviewing these proposals are supporting these datacenters, despite the environmental impacts.

Mr. Sellers discussed the Route 15 efforts north of Leesburg.

Mr. Miller discussed the digital economy and the change in real estate use and development over the past 15 years, and how it is leading to the changes and challenges we are experiencing now with data and distribution centers.

Wayfinding

Mr. Sellers provided an update on recent conversations with PennDOT regarding wayfinding for the JTHG National Scenic Byway in Adams County, PA.

National Heritage Area

Mr. Sellers provided an update on the NPS Sunset Evaluation. The evaluators from UPenn visited in May, and will visit again in July.

Mr. Sellers also discussed the *Gettysburg* 30th Anniversary Celebration which will be October 13-15, 2023 at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, PA.

Other business

Mr. Miller discussed the preservation of Oak Hill.

Mr. Miller also discussed the need for a Nominations and Governance meeting to identify new trustees and a strategy for the makeup of the Board.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: David Williams
SECONDED BY: (Chair Ledsinger didn't ask for a second)
NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.