

Minutes

Route 66 Centennial Commission Meeting
Chesapeake Events Center and Teleconference via Zoom
800 Nazhi Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell called the Route 66 Centennial Commission to order at 10:36 A.M. at the Oklahoma History Center Chesapeake Events Center, 800 Nazhi Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Chantry Banks, Sen. Micheal Bergstrom, Ken Busby, Mike Fina, Branda Granger, Caroline Lowery, Josh McGoldrick, Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, Amber Sharples, Trait Thompson, Tom Tillison, Jenni White, and Jerry Winchester

Members Present via Zoom: Terri Angier, Albert Kelly, and Rhys Martin

Members Excused: Sen. James Leewright, Diana Reed, Jim Ross, and Chad Warmington

Guests Present (via Zoom): Pat Smith, Jennifer Mullins, Matt Trotter, and Todd Fuller

4. Consideration of minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting

Trait Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Ken Busby and followed by a roll call vote, the motion passed. Jerry Winchester abstained from voting.

5. Discussion or possible action on creating a committee to recommend criteria for evaluating proposed projects submitted to the Route 66 Centennial Commission for either endorsement or funding

Trait Thompson moved that a committee be created to recommend criteria for evaluating proposed projects submitted to the Route 66 Centennial Commission for either endorsement or funding. The motion was seconded by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom. Albert Kelly brought up for discussion if subcommittees had been decided. Caroline Lowery stated she had put together a draft. She will create a new list that will include the project evaluation committee.

Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

Rhys Martin gave an update on the National Road Ahead. An initiative had been launched and the main focus is fundraising. They have asked the Lobeck Taylor family in Tulsa for a donation to host an event. The committee could work to make Oklahoma the official host of the Route 66 Centennial Birthday Event.

Jennifer Mullins brought up the Spring Campaign. She shared the final 2020 numbers and the passport that covers the eight Route 66 states.

Ken Busby stated that the Tulsa bike race, Crybaby Hill, is continuing to move forward this year.

7. Announcement

Senator Micheal Bergstrom announced that Vinita, OK, is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.

Rhys Martin announced the Oklahoma Route 66 Association website as been updated.

8. Adjournment

Lt. Governor Pinnell adjourned the meeting of the Route 66 Centennial Commission at 11:35 A.M.