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JCVB Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

May 19, 2026

Attended: Chair Josh Shackles, Jim Cullumber, Pete Hall, Jeremy Sickman, Jason Williams, Betsy Mense, John Starchman, Dancy Sisco, and Tanya Bogenrief

Absent: Jeremiah Cook

Staff: Patrick Tuttle and Kerstin Landwer

Guests: Mike Greninger

Location: 5th Floor Study, Joplin City Hall

I. **Call to Order**:

Chair Shackles called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Sisco motioned to accept the April 2026 minutes; Mr. Cullumber seconded; unanimously approved.

III. **Discussion of Agenda Items:**

1. Funding for Play9 Sports Midwest Premier Baseball League 15U National Championship: Mr. Greninger of Parkwood Tournaments submitted a request for funding for facilities for this event. Mr. Williams motioned, and Mr. Hall seconded, a $ 5,000 grant award to Parkwood Tournaments; 7 voted in favor and 2 against; motion passed.
2. Continuing Budget Discussion: The board discussed the proposed 2027 budget with comments that Mr. Tuttle had emailed to the board earlier.

IV. **Other Business:**

1. Mr. Hall shared updates on Newton County tourism activities and on the proposed lodging tax increase legislation. He also shared lodging numbers from the Missouri state STR report.
2. Mr. Tuttle shared the press release featuring upcoming June events.

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V. Mr. Hall motioned, and Mr. Starchman seconded, to close the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on June 16 to hear FY 2027 event grant funding proposals.

Submitted respectfully,

Josh Shackles
Chairman

Jeremy Sickman
Secretary

6/16/26
Date