

**Regular Meeting – Giddings Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Board**  
August 30, 2018

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pratik Bhakta at 12:07 p.m. with the following present:

Present: Board Members Gayle Hargis, Pratik Bhakta, Faye Terry, Dustin Gersch, City Manager Ricky Jorgensen; and City Secretary Andrea Ray.

Absent: Economic Development Corporation Director Tonya Britton,

**2. Consider approval of minutes from meeting held on August 8, 2017.**

A motion was made by Board Member Faye Terry and seconded by Board Member Gayle Hargis to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 8, 2017.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Board Members Bhakta, Terry, Gersch, and Hargis

Nays: None

**3. Discussion and possible action on appointments of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

A motion was made by Board Member Gayle Hargis and seconded by Board Member Dustin Gersch to appoint Pratik Bhakta as Chairman and Faye Terry as Vice Chairman.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Board Members Bhakta, Terry, Gersch, and Hargis

Nays: None

**4. Review, discuss and possibly take action on requests for hotel tax funds.**

Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce representatives Denice Harlan and Kelita Alberts made a presentation to the Board and answered questions. Request: \$150,000.00.

Lee County Sheriff's Posse representative Mark Goodson made a presentation to the Board and answered questions. Request: \$75,000.00.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society representative Joyce Bise made a presentation to the Board and answered questions. Request: \$15,000.00.

Giddings Volunteer Fire Department representative Spencer Schneider made a presentation to the Board and answered questions. Request: \$60,000.00.

Giddings Public Library and Culture Center representative Pam Hutchinson made a presentation to the Board and answered questions. Request: \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Board Member Gayle Hargis and seconded by Board Member Faye Terry to distribute the following amounts:

Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce:	\$95,000.00
Lee County Sheriff's Posse:	\$53,000.00
Texas Wendish Heritage Society:	\$12,000.00
Giddings Volunteer Fire Department:	Did Not Qualify
Giddings Public Library and Culture Center:	Did Not Qualify

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Board Members Bhakta, Gersch, and Hargis  
Nays: Board Member Faye Terry

**5. Adjournment**

Chairman Bhakta adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.



ATTEST:

Pratik Bhakta  
Board Chairperson Printed Name

Pratik Bhakta  
Board Chairperson Signature

Andrea Ray  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary