

Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting to approve Wine Grant Applications
Arkansas Wine Producers Council

Tuesday June 17, 2024 10:00am

Wiederkehr Wine Cellars Wiederkehr Village, Arkansas

Appointed Members

Mr. Dennis Wiederkehr, Chair

Mr. Andrew Post

Ms. Audrey House

Dr. Renee Threlfall

Mr. Dan O'Shea, Secretary

Mr Michael Post, Treasurer

Ex Officio Members – None

- A. Call to Order at 10:04 am – Dennis Wiederkehr, Chair
- B. Council Member Roll Call- all present.
- C. Committee Reports
 - a. The Arkansas Wine Agri Marketing Grant FY2024 (19-6-839) Committee considered 11 applications for the grant. The application from one of them- The Winery of Hot Springs- was rejected. The committee could find no vineyard or production facility for them. Another application-from Sax Winery- was challenged by Audrey, who questioned whether they were using at least 75% of Arkansas grown fruit in their production. Andrew stated that the committee can only verify whether the applying winery has a minimum 2 acre vineyard and a production facility. Renee pointed out that currently the committee isn't requiring verification records for the 75% threshold and possibly this needs to be changed in the future.
 - b. 2024 Agricultural Grant Applications
 - 1. Keels Creek Winery
 - 2. Mount Bethel Winery
 - 3. Post Winery
 - 4. Railway Winery
 - 5. Rusty Tractor Vineyards
 - 6. Sassafra Springs Vineyard
 - 7. Sax Winery
 - 8. Tontitown Winery
 - 9. Wiederkehr Wine Cellars, Inc.
 - 10. Chateau Aux Arc, LLC

- c. Motion to approve by Andrew, Renee 2nd. Motion carried 5 to 1. Andrew will send list to DF&A and will forward conformation to Dennis when received.

- D. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

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