



**Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Davis.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Committee.

**Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were Chairman Gary Davis, Shauna Cooper, Mindy Stille, Brenda Johnson and Brent Dunn. Also present was Jimmy Linton.

**Approval of Agenda**

Brent Dunn made a motion to approve the agenda of August 13, 2019. Second to the motion was from Mindy Stille. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Brent Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting of the Committee. Second to the motion was from Mindy Stille. Motion passed.

**New Business**

Jimmy Linton gave a fiscal year-end report of the Lodgers Tax collections for 2018-2019. Total lodging revenues reported for 2018-19 were \$6,304,897.64. This is an increase over the previous fiscal year of 36.4% Total Lodger's Tax collections for this past year were \$324,622.23. Each month there are more reporting individual lodgers.

Jimmy Linton reported that he had a meeting with Karina Armijo, the Town of Taos Tourism Director regarding issues with Lodger's Tax collections by third party internet booking companies. The companies are now collecting taxes on some of the rentals, but are not collecting correct tax amounts, nor reporting to the local municipalities for the individual property owners. This is creating a problem for the individual owners that are ultimately responsible to make sure the taxes are paid. There is an initiative being worked on to take to the State Legislature that may help to clear this matter, but nothing will be taken up until the next legislative session. Discussion by the Committee followed regarding the fact that the individual owners are responsible for the payments and they must also intervene with the booking companies to get the taxes correct and paid to the proper authorities in a timely manner.

At the next meeting, the committee will take some additional time after the meeting to discuss how they want to move forward to grant funding for special events.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next Lodger's Tax Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Village Hall.

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**Adjournment**

With no other business before the Committee, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting.

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Gary Davis, Chairman

TRANSCRIBED BY:

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Jimmy Linton

ATTEST:

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Terry Cordova, Village Clerk