



# Blount County

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes

### Beer Board

*Ron French - Chairman*

*Archie Archer*

*Dave Bennett*

*Shawn Carter, Sr. - Vice Chairman*

*Rick Carver*

*Grady Caskey*

*Jamie Daly*

*Scott King*

*Kenneth Melton*

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Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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### ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Beer Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee. Beer Board Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Gaye Hasty, Blount County Clerk. There were 9 present and 0 absent, Commissioner Grady Caskey arrived after the roll call was taken. Chairman French declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present** 8 - Commissioner Archie Archer, Commissioner Dave Bennett, Commissioner Shawn Carter Sr., Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Jamie Daly, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Scott King, and Commissioner Kenneth Melton

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Grady Caskey

### A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to set the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 8 - Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Daly, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Melton

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Caskey

**Abstain:** 0

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting - November 7, 2017.](#)

**Attachments:** [Beer Board Meeting Minutes November 7 2017.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 8 - Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Daly, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Melton

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Caskey

**Abstain:** 0

## C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

## D. NEW BUSINESS.

### 1. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request for an On Premises Beer Permit for Blackberry Farm, LLC, d.b.a. The Firetower, 1940 Three Sisters Road, Walland, TN 37886.](#)

**Attachments:** [Public Notice of Meeting Beer Board 12-Dec-17.pdf](#)

[Beer Board Blackberry Farms LLC The Firetower Permit Notice](#)

[December 12 2017.pdf](#)

[On Premise Beer Permit Application for Blackberry Farm LLC.pdf](#)

Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to Mr. Nick Dibartolomeo. Mr. Dibartolomeo testified that the answers and information that he was providing to the Board are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that he had applied on behalf of Blackberry Farm, LLC, d.b.a. The Firetower, for an on premises beer permit at 1940 Three Sisters Road, Walland, TN. Mr. Dibartolomeo testified that, the area is actually East Millers Cove Road, not west; and pursuant to the survey provided with the application that it meets the distance requirements for a beer permit (the closest church or public gathering place being 6,800 feet, the closest school being 19,500 feet, and the closest resident being 3,600 feet). Mr. Garrett asked if any member of the Beer Board had any questions or comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett recommended to the Board that the applicant meets the criteria as set forth by the statute and the beer permit should be issued. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caskey, Commissioner Daly, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Melton

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### 2. Set date for next meeting.

**E. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman French declared the Beer Board meeting to be adjourned. The Beer Board meeting was adjourned on December 12, 2017 at 6:09 p.m.