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HATFIELD-MCCOY HISTORY, MUSIC, ART & EDUCATION SINCE 1993

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Dear Ms. Bradley,

You have requested additional information regarding the Hatfield-McCoy Bluegrass Corporation including the period it operated as an unincorporated non-profit association and educational activities we engaged in over the past several years.

The Hatfield-McCoy Bluegrass Corporation was formed on October 25, 1993 under the provisions of Chapter 31, Article 1, Sections 27 and 28 (§ 31-1-27 & 28) of the West Virginia Code as a non-profit corporation. The primary mission, at that time, since Matewan, West Virginia, was designated a National Historical District, was to become a part of attracting tourism into the area and educating the public on the historical nature of the area. Mingo County and Matewan are the location of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud.

The Hatfield-McCoy Bluegrass Corporation continued to operate under a similar structure but as an Unincorporated non-profit association under West Virginia Code, Chapter 36, Article 11, Section 1 (§ 36-11-1) from September 11, 1996 to August 22, 2022. Our mission continued the same as before and we began working with local radio stations and schools to educate the public and students regarding the historic nature of the Mingo County, West Virginia and Pike County, Kentucky areas, expanding our influence to the State Capitol city, Charleston. West Virginia unincorporated associations are recognized in West Virginia as non-profits under West Virginia code referenced earlier (§ 36-11-1) which states “Nonprofit association” means an unincorporated organization consisting of two or more members joined by mutual consent for a common, nonprofit purpose. Our organization's structure was consistent with this state law.

In 2018, we moved our headquarters to the current location in Charleston, West Virginia. On August 23, 2022 we did file new articles of incorporation to transition from our current structure of an unincorporated non-profit association to a non-profit corporation under the same provisions of the West Virginia code we originally used in 1993. At all times our organization's structure has been consistent with state law.

So to address your question regarding our continuous operation for at least two years in order to qualify for the “Local Established Application Point”, we have been operating longer than that period of time, and in fact are local to the Charleston and South Charleston area since 2018. Under these circumstances, we believe we would qualify as Local and Established.

Next, I will outline some of the educational activities we have engaged in over the past several years as you requested the need for a description of any actual activity as an educational organization or institution that the unincorporated association engaged in prior to the filing of the LPFM application.

As I previously outlined our mission was to become part of attracting tourism into the historical Hatfield-McCoy area. We utilized local radio in Matewan and the surrounding area to cover community events and then expanded those events being covered to several counties in the State of West Virginia. We worked with local

schools to expose and train high school and middle school students and their parents on how to cover live events while they were happening. This included school and community events.

I have been personally involved in assisting with many of those live events and training students for the same.

High Schools in Kanawha County, include Capitol, Charleston Catholic, George Washington and Riverside high schools. Putnam County schools include Winfield and Hurricane High Schools. Cabell County schools include Cabell Midland, Grace Christian, St. Joseph Central and Huntington High Schools. Wayne County schools include Spring Valley, Tolsia and Wayne high schools. Mingo County schools include Mingo Central and Tug Valley high schools.

In addition, event coverage and training at those educational institutions, I have also personally assisted at Marshall University too.

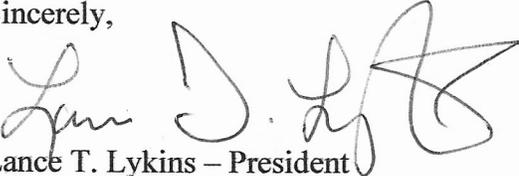
We consider much of our work covering events, not only to promote our mission, but to expand the awareness and education of the rich history, music and art tied to the Hatfield-McCoy region. It serves as youth development skills for our young citizens.

We also continue to promote local artists and their music in addition to many other actions to highlight not only the Hatfield-McCoy region, but West Virginia in general. I believe this specifically addresses your request for a description of any actual activity as an educational organization or institution that the unincorporated association engaged in prior to the filing of the LPFM application.

Thank you for your help with the preparation and filing of our LPFM application. Your assistance is appreciated.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,


Lance T. Lykins – President
Hatfield-McCoy Bluegrass Corporation