

Meeting Minutes 6/9/20

Meeting attendance: 10 in person and 2 on phone

Meeting start time: 12:06pm

Meeting Minutes

Approval of last meeting minutes- Tom approves, Michelle seconds. All in favor. Yes.

Pam

Our checking account balance is \$20,768.90 and Money Market account balance is \$21,181.82. We have received \$8,530 in membership dues so far this year and we have 59 members. We need to write a check to Kathy Hull for the fireworks for \$5000.

Secretary

Thank you Julie for taking minutes for me at the last meeting. They have been uploaded to the Drive and on our website.

Julie

There is an opportunity for Broadband grant funding for our area. In a June 2nd email, WCMEDC asked for a letter of support for this grant. Do we support broadband in our area? Is the Chamber in favor of writing a letter of support for the future? It would improve our overall broadband efforts for Valley County because our region may be considered a "Rural" region for grants.

Everyone is in support of writing letters of support.

In April of 2019, Julie drafted a position description for Chamber office assistant and a media assistant jobs. The minutes however do not reflect the funding source for Julie's position. Right now we are using the grant money to pay for her position. We need to have Chamber pay for Julie's position instead of the grant. Julie will draft a description saying that Chamber agrees to pay the office assistant position from their funds which will go towards matching funds for the ITC grant. Jack moves to approve that the Chamber will take over payment of the office assistant position. Brain seconds. All in favor. Yes.

Discussion: Scotty mentions that the Chamber is really lucky to have someone like Julie in this position and to keep the grant going. All in agreement.

We are seeing an increase in new viewers on Facebook and our website. Just started using Instagram this year as well. The grant funding for 2021-2022 will be cut in half due to COVID-19.

Julie has submitted the amendment of the By Laws and the government rejected them. They must be resubmitted.

The billboard is moving to another location. We have the rendering that has been approved by ITC. Scotty asks if it is cheaper to build a new billboard instead of moving the existing one? Julie replies that the ITC grant will not fund the construction of a new billboard but we could look for donations for materials.

Jenni

Larry Morton has stepped down from Vice President. We need to elect a new one for the remainder of this year. Pam nominates Brian Hines. Jenni moves to approve this nomination. Pam seconds. All in favor. Yes. Brian Hines accepts the position for the remainder of this term. We will be writing a letter of thanks to Larry for his volunteer service as Vice President.

4th of July

The legion is selling fireworks again this year. The chamber will help sell as well. The dates that we will be selling from the booth are June 25th-July 4th. They will need help setting up the booth.

At the fireworks, the State Park's will be providing hand sanitizer stations. The Chamber will help fund porta pots. The Legion will be purchasing more flags for this year to set up around the greens at the Golf Course. Kathy is working to get the flyover at night instead of mid-day. Donnelly will also have fireworks. Scotty will ask Kathy if the flyover can encompass Cascade to New Meadows for that night.

Brian Hines

WCM Interactive Arts festival and Old Mill Days will be held on the same day this year on September 19th. Chalk on the Walk will be held on August 22nd this year. If you would like to sponsor a dog waste station please contact Brian. On June 13th, there will be a community park cleanup at 9am.

The Food Pantry handed out 340 boxes of food for the Feeding America program. It included both dairy and produce.

Tom- CMC

They are continuing to work on their Strategic Plan. They have sent out a survey, and have received about 200 responses back so far.

Jack-Legion

July 11th will be their Cinco de Mayo celebration. They have been seeing normal attendance for dinners so far since COVID-19 reopening.

Next meeting will be held at the Lakefront on June 23rd at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm.