

Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce

May Board Meeting Minutes Date: May 11, 2023 - Time: 8:30 AM

Participants: Steve Allen, K'Lynn Lane, Diana Kirkham, Gregory Price, Albert Pacheco, Rick

Knoernschild,, Jalet Farell, Brad Attig.

Absent: Eilene Flory

| Item | Detail | Action/Notes |
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| Call to Order | Establish Quorum | The Meeting was called to order at 8:31 am. |
| | Approve Meeting Minutes from April. | Brad pointed out that the minutes had an error where Diana both made the motion and seconded. Minutes were not approved until rectified. K'Lynn said she would look back at notes and present the April and May minutes at the June Meeting. |
| | | Brad made a motion to approve Directors Mileage for April \$576.40. Diana seconded. Motion passed. |
| Treasurer's | Discussion | Management Report sent in Board Packet. |
| Report | | There were no questions. K'Lynn did mention that we have received a check from Waste Management for \$12,500 and we are expecting a second check soon. |
| Directors Report | | Google My Business Profile Report |
| | | Profile Views-243 |
| | | people asked for directions-71 |
| | | Searches-102 |
| | | website visits-54 (from Google) phone calls-4 (From Google) 25 other |
| | | April Mezzanine Sales-\$2,500.00 |
| | | New Members: #6/#436 Strong |
| | | -Ruggs Ranch |
| | | -Dead Juniper |
| | | -Curious Scents |
| | | -Antelope RV/Market |
| | | -City of Antelope |



Reached out to an additional #12 businesses.

Oregon State Chamber / Tourism / What happening? K'Lynn provided a quick update on the OSCC Board happenings, efforts around talking tourism and miscellaneous partnerships that are developing based on the work we are doing and communities seeing the value of using the same model.

Recap on Student Summit, the Student Summit was held on April 15th in Condon, where 32 students from six different counties participated in a town wide scavenger hunt and "mock interviews". K'Lynn noted that there were several partners who made the event possible including the 17 participating businesses in Condon. K'Lynn noted that each student received a hat from Melanie's Such & Such and \$5 to spend at the Condon Local. Already several other Chambers have inquired about being able to host a similar event.

Asher Community Health Center-K'Lynn presented at a board meeting earlier in April to talk about the value of partnerships and thank them for their contribution and Premium Membership.

Sherman County Court - Budget Presentation. K'Lynn was in person to present to Sherman County Court on May 10th about financial contributions to the Chamber. Request was for \$15,000.00

Community Clean-Ups - Discussion on community clean ups with the schools and efforts being expanded across the regions. Strong collaborations are taking place for example (Spray community/cemetery clean up committee). Jalet inquired about the clean up in Mitchell. K'Lynn will



| | | connect Jalet and Chiyanna regarding the efforts in Mitchell. Professional Development classes are taking place: Build Your Brand Workshops CO.STARTERS Arlington -8 |
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| | | CO.STARTERS Fossil -8 Direct TA/Referrals - K'Lynn mentioned that daily businesses both existing and new are stopping by and requesting assistance for business plans, budgeting, grant requests, logo and website/marketing. |
| Office | Blinds | Ordered-install will take place on June 9th. |
| Improvements | Heating & Cooling | Waiting on bids. |
| Main Street | | City of Antelope now under our RRM Umbrella K'Lynn explained per OR Main Streets recommendation the Chamber will help facilitate the Main Street initiative in the community of An Accreditation Standards - Leadership Training (See attached) K'Lynn discussed the Main Street Accreditation Standards and the plan for making sure our organization is working towards accreditation and making sure we are checking off the boxes. 3 Main Street Grants submitted for the Wasco Market, Times Journal Building in Condon and the Lone Elk Marketplace. Grants will be announced after May 15th, 2023. |
| Grants Gifts | Gilliam Co. Small Business Grant The Pop - Gilliam Co. Special Projects. | Updated on Grant Program/Replenishment of Grant Fund July \$75,000.00 with 10% admin fee. Buildings are in (all 4) Gravel has been laid/ground sterilized Electricity/internet installed Pop Social Media Manager hired Tessa Herra Pop Manager hired Bobbi jo Vaughn Arlington Arts Group is in full swing! |



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| Correspondence | | K'Lynn, Thank you for the kind words and photos on The Mezzanine at the Chamber site. The beautiful display space and Chamber staff support for my woodworking hobby is very much appreciated. On my next visit I hope to meet Connie and spend time looking at the other displays. |
| | | My compliments to you and the top notch organization you are heading. The recent state-wide recognition you have received is much deserved. |
| | | I enjoyed meeting you and Brooklyn. Best wishes to both of youDon Greiner |
| | | Thank you Cards - Will be shared at meeting and included in our correspondence folder. |
| Good of the Order | What's New-Open Floor | Jalet, is in the process of building a house in Mitchell and gave a very positive update on the bookings and reservations at the Hostel noting that they are seeing a 20% increase in revenue in their 8th year. Jalet also mentioned there is a gravel ride coming through Mitchell where 250 riders will cycle for 5 days. |
| | | Diana-is so excited to officially retire on June 30th. She updated us on the Spray clean up taking place on Saturday May 13th. They are working with ODOT to ensure the safety of the volunteers. Diana also mentioned that she is looking to invest in housing for traveling nurses and teachers in the community that have a need for housing. |
| | | Brad-announced that High Desert Partnership was awarded the EEIP grant that will help influence economic and social progress. The Foundry Collective is also now a KIVA Hub. Brad also noted that the CO.STARTERS program is making an impact across the state with classes now being offered in Maupin and the Gold Coast. |



Greg-gave an update on the Gorge Pitch Contest at the Granada Theatre in The dalles, they are offering cash prizes and have celebrity judges including James Martin of Sunshine Mill and Winery. The skills center is almost complete at the campus. Offering trade opportunities for 3D printing, AutoCad and Laser. The SBDC is offering technical assistance for new businesses looking to build and scale their products and services in the fall, specifically with a manufacturing component (businesses look different across the board). Greg also mentioned that the SBDC and MCED are working together to offer loans for undocumented citizens, which will help them access capital in the future. Albert updated the board on the progress of the Spray Clinic Renovation stating that there will be increased capacity with dental services, physical therapy, behavioral health services. Asher Clinics is hoping to expand their Mitchell School based center in the future. Steve attended the Story Gorge-Visual Storytelling educational opportunity offered through the SBDC, he said it offered several "AHA" moments of this is how you tell the story of your business better, Steve loved how this opportunity is going to allow him to continue to give. Steve spoke about the Cultural District that is in the beginning phases and currently Condon is being considered as a community for the pilot phase of the program. Steve mentioned the group asked the legislature to make arts and culture a priority in their budget. Steve spoke about how arts and culture have the ability to generate positive change in communities. **Upcoming Events** Cycle Oregon Wasco Memorial day **Summer Concerts**



Arlington Big River Band
Spray Porch Concerts
Arlington The Pop
Fossil Friday's
Mitchell Tiger Town Fest
Harvest Fest
Condon's Fabulous 4th of
July
Grass Valley Markets
Arlington Artists Markets

Next Meeting June 08, 2023 at 8:30 AM.