

**POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes are from the August 8, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Marge Bloomquist, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding and Dave Williams.
Also present: John Zurak, Sandy Pettey and Kristen Kosick from Grant-Kohrs Ranch

Since we did not have a quorum a full Board Meeting could not be held.
The meeting started at 12:05 pm

-Main Street Flowers – Blooming good, Dave will send a letter of thanks to Lynette

- Territorial Days – T thanked everyone. There was an issue with cleaning up after the horses in the Parade. The 4-H club may do it next year if the Chamber paid. There was no Country Showdown, but the winner in 2013 came 3rd at the competition held in Great Falls. Asked if he could represent Deer Lodge again this year in Oregon. We spoke about the problem getting volunteers to show up at the meetings.

- Grant-Kohrs Ranch – Kristen said the July haying and branding events had lower numbers due to Evel Knievel Days in Butte. They had 150 on Saturday and 175 on Sunday. It was a hot weekend, the Close-Up concessions had their biggest day, with \$600 profit. July numbers were up 1% on last year at 3,851 visitors, and 1% up on the year at 9,000 + so far. There were 25 at the Haying event that took place yesterday. Ranchers gave a talk on the radio this morning. There is one more youth program taking place next week, over 200 students have taken part. The MT Academy of Living History takes place from 10th through the 12th September.

- Job Service – John spoke about the changes made to their system, which was more selective in finding suitable candidates for a position. Trying to get the DOC (Corrections) jobs filled, one problem being the lack of rental properties for staff who want to relocate to Deer Lodge. This is also a problem for seasonal employees at the Ranch.

The Family Dollar store in Anaconda has recently opened its doors. Code changes had delayed the opening.

- Other Business – Sandy said the Museum is planning to renovate the upstairs at Powell County Museum so it can be used as housing, should be ready by May 2015. The Museum Visitors are running at over 200 per day, up on last year's numbers.

Telephysics has opened for business in the Intermountain Chiropractic Building.

It has been suggested that Santa operate out of City Hall during the Christmas festivities this year.

Sandy and Marge spoke about selling the other attractions, which resulted in visitors staying overnight.

Meeting ended at 1:14 pm