

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

Minutes are from the February 6, 2015 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding, Julie Schroder and Dave Williams.
Also present: John Zurak, Sandy Pettey, Jeff Johnson and Sarah Bannon

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm

Bob said he had called Rocky Wozny and he voted in favor of the Bylaws change (reducing number of Directors from 9 to 7). Bob then called Heidi Rome and she voted in favor of the Bylaws change. Bob then asked around the table who supported the change in the Bylaws. Linda and T voted Yes, Julie voted No. Julie had spoken with Amanda Micu at Peoples Bank, and Lynn Johnson, and both had shown interest in joining the board. Discussion followed on whether we had a Quorum at this meeting. It was decided that we did not have a Quorum. All votes at this meeting must be held by phone with the non-present board members.

Both Directors positions that are currently open were caused by resignations whilst in office, and therefore the President can appoint these 2 positions. Linda and T said that they are happy to hold back on changing the Bylaws if the board positions can be filled. T will ask Amanda and Lynn to see if they are willing to become board members.

- **Main Street Flowers** – T had received estimates for the Main Street Flower Baskets. Circle H Growers was for \$1,355.75, and Eastside Greenhouse was for \$2,000. This is for twenty nine 14” hanging baskets. Lynn and Willy had taken care of the flowers for us, deadheading, rotating and watering one day a week. Ed was contacted by T on the phone and his quote does not include any after care, replacement or watering. Donations to the Chamber covers up to \$1000 towards the flowers each year, the remaining cost is covered by the Chamber.

Linda made a motion to accept the bid for the Main Street Flower Baskets from Circle H Growers for \$1355.75. T seconded. Julie voted Yes. Phone votes from Heidi and Rocky, both voted Yes. Motion carried. Dave will write a letter to both Ed and Lynette notifying them of the Board’s decision.

- **Other Business** – Dave said the Chamber had been contacted by the Powell County High School about placing an ad in their yearbook, or a Gym Sign. The Chamber used to have a full page ad and a Gym Sign in the past. It was decided not to sign up this year.

Dave brought up the Governors Conference in March, and whether the Board wished to send Dave this year. Sandy and the Museums offered to cover half the cost of sending Dave, thus the Chamber cost would be approx. \$250. Discussion followed.

Julie made a motion to send Dave to the Conference, there was no second around the table. Bob called Heidi and she seconded the Motion. Bob called Rocky and Marge and they both voted Yes. With Linda and T voting No, the motion was carried by a majority of 4 to 2.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jeff said the visitor numbers for January were the same as last year. This is their quite time before the first event in April. More staff being signed up.

- **SouthWest Montana** – Sarah said the TAC (Tourism Advisory Council) is rolling out their new marketing campaign “Montana – It’s Time”.

VIC (Visitor Information Center) funding has been sent to grant programs, now available every quarter. Legislation is trying to get some of the 3% bed tax that goes directly to the General Fund back to Tourism.

- **Job Service** – John said that there will be a Job Fair on March 24th in Butte, veterans allowed in an hour before everyone else.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Sandy said the visitor numbers for January was 350. Four new exhibits lined up for this year. There will be Women and Lady Di exhibits, plus two Art Exhibitions. Cindy Betka of Butte will be at the Pen from April 20th and there will be an Art Installation in the Museum yard from June.

Banners will be put up along the prison wall to promote the town and events. In the Summer there will be Gun Fight shows at Cottonwood City plus actors in the Prison. Kelly Cutler is coordinating.

The meeting ended at 1:34 pm