

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

Minutes are from the July 11th, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Linda Spaulding and Dave Williams.

Also present: John Zurak and Jacque Lavelle

Since we did not have a quorum a full Board Meeting could not be held.

The meeting started at 12:13 pm

- **Territorial Days** – Event was very good, in spite of the rain.

- **Demolition Derby** – Committee will meet soon, volunteers are being sought for check in and on the gates. Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, car registration will start earlier this year, at 2:30 pm.

- **Other Business** – John spoke about holding a careers fair for the Grant-Kohrs Ranch. Low level of unemployment in Montana, 50 jobs available at corrections. 5% to 6% in the region, some people are unemployable. Job Service now uses software that screens applications for jobs. Many employers are hiring via the internet, applications are weeded out using word searches. Sun Mountain searched for 6 weeks for an admin position to be filled.

The Family Dollar Store in Anaconda has set up at the old Hardees location, hiring 30 temps to start by the end of August.

Anaconda High School numbers reducing, sports is dropping to grade B. Drummond and Philipsburg are combining sports teams, class C. Not enough kids in the region.

Putting together a program to assist the mature unemployed to help them get hired. Also putting together a career fair for the schools in Anaconda in October. May come to Deer Lodge next.

The Job Fair in Butte had 300 people, and 40 companies. BNSF hiring 1000's countrywide. Employers are looking for a positive attitude. 20 Military people showed up. Welders are in high demand in the region. Bob had heard that Job Corps was losing some of its funding.

Dave asked Linda to print the tickets for the Demo Derby, same prices and ticket numbers as last year.

Muriah's of Montana should be opening soon in Deer Lodge at the old Scharfs Restaurant.

Meeting ended at 12:50 pm