

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce September 2, 2022 Board Meeting

Two motions were passed via email since the last monthly board meeting. A motion to approve a memo of understanding setting proposed rent and utility costs for the Rio Dell Community Resource Center to utilize the space at the chamber facility, was approved August 17 with Tracy moving, Nick seconding, and Sharon, Susan and Jim approving.

On August 23, the submission of a grant to help finance the mural Our Town was approved (it had been conceptually discussed since March but not officially approved as was required for submission) with Tracy moving, Sharon seconding, and Heather, Jim, Susan and Nick voting 'aye.'

The September meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. Present in person: Jim Brickley, vice president; Tracy O'Connell, Susan Pryor, Julie Woodall from community. On phone: Nick Angeloff, president; Sharon Holt, Heather Watkins, Amanda Carter, city council.

Wildwood Days 2022 was discussed with generally positive comments on how the parade and related activities turned out. There were fewer entries, especially vintage and custom cars, than in the past and suggestions of how to draw more. The sound system was very effective compared to those used in the past. Dorothy Johnson at DJ's Burger Bar was donating, rather than expecting reimbursement for, the ice cream cones for first responders.

Ideas for next year including the theme are to be discussed at the October meeting.

The mural is complete, except for the 'legend' associating names with faces, which Nick said Julia had promised to do and asked Jim to contact her about completing. Payments have been received from the city and the granting agency and the artist has been paid.

Nick said it was a mistake to allow someone outside the chamber to manage the paperwork because it created a lot of confusion at the end to sort out, although at the time it had seemed the easiest way to go.

Those on the call said people stop, get out of their cars and look at the mural, vs. drive by, which was the goal – to increase interest, and get people out, talking, looking at it, and perhaps staying in town longer and shopping, in the case of tourists and visitors.

Jim said the post office wants a mural and he showed a pony express stamp as a possible visual and what he thought would be next steps for the post office to take the project forward.

Renting the chamber – Discussions continue with Province/St. Joe's about the Resource Center renting the space at the chamber with small details being worked out. Move-in might happen in October.

Kiosks/Snell plaque – The kiosks should be set in September, Nick stressed. Jim is waiting for captions for photos from Jim Garrison at the county historical society at which time the photos and captions would be mounted by the framing shop, How's It Hanging.

Nick said he would need \$200 for materials to make the forms that would hold concrete to set the kiosks. Tracy moved and Sharon seconded to approve that expense. Exact locations and what constitutes adequate bracing to stand up to weather are still being discussed.

Flags will be put up at 6 a.m. and taken down at 7 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day, and again on Sept. 11.

Decorating contest – A subcommittee was formed of Heather, assisted by Sharon and Susan to plan and execute the Christmas decorating contest. Topics to consider included earlier/longer times to enter and to vote; fewer ways to do that (many weren't used); categories such as judging indoors vs. outdoors for businesses and having the winner from one year picking the winner for the next in a

category which can keep people from feeling they aren't ever going to win. Last year the fire department generously donated for prizes.

Lighting the bridge – Jim is working with the traffic consultant to obtain paperwork and to work with Nick to submit it together with the basic application which has been completed for the current year.

Decorating the city – Nick will seek donations to be used to purchase additional decorations. Tracy will contact the CCC to see if volunteers can be gotten to assist with the decorating tasks this year.

Tree lighting ceremony – Amanda Carter and Julie Woodall are to work on planning this. Susan will contact John Coleman to be Santa, engage with the fire department for the truck parade, and work with Humboldt Redwood to get a donated tree for the median. Availability of indoor space was discussed for the social hour leading up to the tree lighting if the weather was inclement.

Production of the monthly newsletter – Jim said he would be interested in trying his and at laying out the monthly newsletter if it were needed some time.

Updates – Susan said the CSD is moving ahead with work required at the Winema Theater and the museum so they can resume being used; Amanda cited several projects the city is working on to increase trails and outdoor activities.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy O'Connell, secretary