

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting February 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. Present: Nick Angeloff, president, on phone; Jim Brickley, vice president; Susan Pryor; Sarah Reback; Tracy O'Connell, secretary; Amanda Carter, city council liaison; and Julie Woodall and Becky Giacomini, community.

Email communications during the week preceding the meeting approved the distribution of \$5,000 in funds donated by an anonymous benefactor from outside the community who requested businesses harmed by the recent earthquakes receive the money.

Nick moved, Tracy seconded, and members unanimously approved by email vote that checks of \$1,000 each go to CC Market, DJ's Burger Bar, Grundman's Sporting Goods, Patron Kitchen and Lety's Kitchen based on their losses, in the form of inventory, equipment, structural damage and lost business due to closure.

Nick announced at the start of the meeting that he has distributed three of the checks and is working on meeting up with the last two business owners.

Discussion included earthquake recovery. Sarah said the Small Business Development Center staff will be on hand weekdays until Feb. 10 taking information for people seeking loans to repair their homes and businesses. She has distributed supplies in two of the four shipping containers, so Nick will tell the city they can remove those two.

Susan moved, Sarah seconded, and the board approved an expenditure estimated to be about \$150 for hardware to finish the kiosk project, involving one kiosk on Rio Dell city hall property, and another at Scotia in the park where the lumbering equipment stood. That will require different anchoring because it will be mounted on cement.

Nick moved, Sarah seconded, and the board approved the expenditure of \$385 per year for storage of our holiday decorations at the Six Rivers storage facility on Wildwood. The cost is partly paid by Providence which was funding a smaller unit.

Susan indicated she would reach out to several businesses that have not renewed their ad in the insert to clarify whether they did not want to continue or had not received prior communications. She will work with Jim to proofread the names for the poster showing the faces on the mural. Julie confirmed the city has approved the location for the third kiosk, and Amanda has photos that can be used, showing city attributes today.

A parade theme reflecting the community's survival of the earthquake was suggested by several present, for Wildwood Days in August. Shake, Rattle and Roll or A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On were suggested. Susan said she had talked to Jim Rich about being parade grand marshal since he had to step down from the role last year due to surgery. He was willing but unsure where he would be living by then as he lives at his business at present and will have to move when it closes in two weeks.

Amanda reported she has been contacting various sources through her Instagram posts seeking help rebuilding damaged structures in Rio Dell.

Nick is writing a \$5 million grant for an Eel River Valley Resiliency Project which would create a building housing the Rio Dell fire department, resource center, and chamber with equipment and services to benefit the region in the event of a natural disaster. He is seeking letters of support and will supply a sample others can work off.

Sarah is launching several groups for sectors of the population this month, and looking forward to seeing how they turn out. One is for moms, another for seniors. Amanda is leading a grief support group, and the seniors are exercising two days/week again.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary