

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Minutes
March 11, 2023

Present: President, Nick Angeloff; vice-president, Jim Brickley; secretary, Tracy O'Connell; members Sharon Holt and Susan Pryor, and guest Julie Woodall. This meeting was rescheduled from the standard one that would have been March 3 due to lack of a quorum. It was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Nick moved and Sharon seconded to pay the local Kiwanis annual dues of \$150, with the understanding, as was suggested by the Kiwanis in the past, that the chamber could apply for a grant from the club to support its own work. The motion passed.

Sharon suggested discussion on the type of project to apply for assistance with be tabled until Amanda from the city council and Sarah Reback from the Resource Center were at the meeting.

Jim said he was unable to find the hardware needed to mount the kiosk that will be placed in Scotia, on a cement base. Susan said she would check with Lisa at the Scotia Community Services District about placing it on dirt in a different location. Julie said she would flag where on city hall property the fourth kiosk would go, so both can be installed at the same time.

Jim is to get Tracy the proposed copy for proofreading for the Scotia kiosk before it is typeset. Potential sponsors for the remaining kiosks were discussed.

Installation of the Scotia flags and cleaning out and repairing the flag holders in Rio Dell were discussed. It is envisioned that six flags be installed at each of four locations in Scotia, including HRC, Scotia Lodge, the community services district, and the shopping are anchored by the post office.

The board approved member Sarah Reback as a signer on the chamber's checking account. Sharon moved and Nick seconded approval, and the motion passed unanimously.

Nick reported that he had submitted a grant for \$8 million in cooperation with the city and fire department among other stakeholders to build a community resiliency center serving the Eel River Valley for use in disaster preparation, relief and recovery.

Susan said the fire department was seeking a USDA grant that would fund more than half the cost of a \$30,000 piece of CPR equipment called a Lucas (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) device. She cited the number of emergency calls to which the department has recently responded, involving CPR, and the physical difficulty of administering the technique.

She also announced that work is underway on completing the upgrades to the Scotia Museum and that board members of the Community Services District were developing a succulent garden in the area formerly occupied by the steam donkey equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary