

# Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Minutes

May 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Present: Nick Angeloff, president; Jim Brickley, vice-president; members Susan Pryor, Sarah Reback, Gabe Smith, and Tracy O'Connell, secretary; Julie Woodall, city council member; Mavis Amen of the chamber rejuvenation committee; Melissa Marks, bookkeeper; and Christopher Broadstock, chamber member and manager of Tri Counties Bank, Fortuna.

Melissa reported on the work she is doing to organize files which will exist in physical records as well as on the cloud. She recommended that the chamber sign up for a \$6/month Zoom account and Mavis said she would examine the offer and make a recommendation.

Sarah moved to approve the monthly financial report and Jim seconded; the motion passed.

It was approved to give scholarships to graduating eight graders at Rio Dell and Scotia elementary schools, as has been done in the past, in \$50 amounts, two students from each school, for a total of \$200. Sarah moved and Gabe seconded the motion.

Nick said that Randy from the Rio Dell city crew had confirmed that the flag holders would be placed in the median in a manner ready to receive flags after the median redo on the north end of Wildwood Avenue was completed. If the work is not done in time for the Memorial Day flag placement, flags will still be placed from Davis Street south.

Sharon Holt had said via email that work needed to be done on the flag holders on the south end of Rio Dell and the flag poles as well, where the name plates were pulling away.

Sharon will be invited to head up a clean-up effort of the flag pole holders since she has familiarity with what is needed. Susan suggested the flags needing work on the poles should be marked and set aside when they are taken down at the end of Memorial Day.

Nick moved and Gabe seconded to accept the suggestions of the committee to reinvigorate the chamber, regarding wording and pricing levels for the application and letter to new members. The motion passed.

Discussion centered on what the chamber's float might be in the Wildwood Days parade, Gabe and Jim are to work together on something, possibly involving children in western gear. Those present named others they have or would follow up with to encourage parade participation. The group approved the letter that would seek sponsors for parade prizes, which Susan will send out; the parade entry form, and the parade flier that would be posted around town and given to businesses to encourage their participation.

People offered various ways to fix the endemic problem of the sound system during the parade; Sharon suggested via email that it was a need for a new microphone and was asked to work with Jim and recommend a replacement model; Jim thought he had a mic that could be used and it was about the settings that needed to be adjusted. Nick said he was not familiar with the system and needed help when it was in use to make it work. Jim is the lead on the mic going forward.

Discussion included where to meet in the future, whether the Town of Scotia board room would be available, as had been thought. Sarah will look into a meeting room at Scotia Lodge.

People gave updates about things happening in the community – a sandwich shop is getting closer to opening in Root 101; Mavis is opening a business in Fortuna called The Fortuna Farmhouse, and Sarah has had an air conditioner/heater installed in the resource center which should save some energy, being newer than the existing heater, and is getting more energy efficient refrigeration.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary