

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting April 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Nick Angeloff, president. Present were Jim Brickley, vice-president; board members Gabe Smith, Susan Pryor and Tracy O'Connell; chamber members Mavis Amen, Jessica Davis, Becky Giacomini, Al Houghton and Melissa Marks; and city council members Amanda Carter and Julie Woodall.

The board discussed the lease on the building at 406 Wildwood. Tracy moved and Gabe seconded to transfer the lease to Providence if that organization agrees; the motion passed.

The board addressed the role of fiscal sponsor that it has assumed at the request of Humboldt Area Foundation to serve as a pass-through for funds related to earthquake recovery more than two years ago. Complications have arisen that have made the process last longer than was envisioned and it was decided the chamber's role was no longer working and should be handed off to another organization. Nick will contact Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) about this. Tracy moved and Jim seconded that the board author a letter to HAF addressing the need for them to assign a new fiscal sponsor to finish out the work.

The board approved the monthly financial report with Susan moving and Nick seconding adoption. Gabe moved and Nick seconded allocating \$200 for four \$50 scholarships, two going to graduating 8th grade students from Rio Dell, and two to graduating 8th graders from Scotia, as has been the practice each year. The motion passed.

Members reviewed the St. Pat's party March 17 at Scotia Lodge, saying about 50 people attended and, between the poker board and charge at the gate, came in about \$100 under the amount spent, most of which was for the band as catering was donated by Famous Amens.

Discussion centered on plans for a Cinco de Mayo family-centered social event that honors the Latin community and would take place May 4 at the Scotia Lodge from 1-4 p.m. Jim has headed up the effort, which relies on a couple thousand dollars for catering, music, a bounce house and other children's activities, which he is hoping to get by businesses and organizations. Gabe moved to allocate up to \$750 for the chamber's share of this, and Tracy seconded. The motion passed.

There was brief discussion about Wildwood Days activities and the need for a float and parade theme, but no action was taken.

Amanda gave an overview of the Rio Dell school board's interest in identifying surplus property and plans the city and others might have for property that is to be sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary