

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

July 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Present: President Nick Angeloff, Vice President Jim Brickley, and board members Susan Pryor, Gabe Smith, Sarah Reback and Tracy O'Connell, secretary; city council liaison Amanda Carter, city council member Julie Woodall, chamber treasurer Melissa Marks, and community members Theresa Adams, Mavis Amen, Wally Coppini, Jessica Davis and Al Houghton.

The financial report was approved with a motion by Susan, second by Tracy, and vote which passed.

Loose ends were tied up relating to the Wildwood Days parade the following month. Jim will make a sign for the Grand Marshal car. He and Gabe will get young people to carry the chamber of commerce banner. It is understood there will not be a chamber float this year.

The decision to move the time and place of chamber meetings was discussed, noting that many more people had made the evening time than the mid-day one. Gabe moved and Nick seconded to continue holding monthly chamber board meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Community Resource Center. The motion passed. Sarah agreed to make printed agendas available at the meeting for those present.

Desired changes to the existing website have been discussed recently and in the past, to add informative pages of greater use to travelers and local businesses. Adding new pages would incur a cost of \$70 per hour under our web agreement, but a chamber member who manages multiple web sites in the same (Word Press) format has offered to build the pages at no cost.

A committee has agreed to review the existing service level agreement with Problem Solving Applications prior to meeting with the principal, Billy Joe Long, to see what specific tasks are performed, and how the work might be divided or reallocated to allow her to manage the construction of new pages on the web.

In a series of reports addressing topics in play from past meetings, Susan said the Scotia Community Services District was willing to take over the management of the Scotia historical kiosk, as well as the expense in changing out exhibits and other things needed.

Tracy reported that Adam Dias was looking into reordering chamber membership plaques for new members, and would be in touch as to what cost, if any, was required.

Nick said that he would have the map maker on his staff update and produce a map of Rio Dell and Scotia to use in various places such as the visitor's center and the web, for travelers to have information about the communities.

Melissa noted the problems she was encountering with the computer on which she keeps financial records, have worked themselves out and are no longer an issue.

Mavis said by mid-August she would have rules in place for the Halloween decorating contest, to be able to feature that in the September newsletter and would address prize ideas.

Tracy pointed out that there have not been chamber board elections in many years due to a lack of new candidates to run and the schedule of whose term was up, when, had long been lost. Those present said she should poll the board about who if anyone would like to step down, and an election committee would seek candidates to run. Sarah and Mavis indicated they would work on that effort if there were openings to be filled.

Tracy reported the newsletter has been a week to two weeks late the past several months because the printshop at Providence does not have a printer and Providence management has been sending the newsletter out to a commercial printer while sorting out next steps.

Melissa said she thought the stipend paid to Sandy Dunker to distribute the newsletter should be increased due to the price of gasoline and the number of years Sandy has done this and others agreed. The matter is to be brought up at the August meeting. It was suggested an article of appreciation about her be put in the newsletter.

Tracy had attached to the agenda some logos produced by AI based on a layout Mavis had done, as an example of a logo the chamber might consider adopting, since there is no such logo at present.

Melissa asked to contact the city manager to have the flag pole holders in the southern half of the city's median strip repaired. Randy at the city said he could use two helpers from the chamber in addition to his crew to get the work done. Nick moved and Jim seconded to take the matter to the city manager, and it passed. Melissa will report back if there is a cost involved.

Those present agreed that the new business in town, EmeraldZ Humboldt County Gifts and Games, which contains a visitor's center, could be the official city visitor's center and the existing signs pointing to it were close enough to serve, with one added sign in the median pointing to that store.

The meeting ended at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary

