

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Rachel Dosch, Jenika Sammons, Stephanie Eney, Nate Kavanagh, Melissa Lee, Larry Schwindt, Kacie Fey

Visitors Present: NA

Executive Director: NA

Directors Absent: Rhonda Grainger, Amber Simonds

Regular Business:

Approval of May and June 2022 meeting minutes: No corrections were made for the May and June meeting minutes, Stephanie Eney made a motion to approve, Larry Schwindt seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of January 2022 financials: Monthly expenses in the Operating account and the status of the remaining accounts were discussed. Rachel Dosch made a motion to approve the financials as presented, Stephanie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Business Improvement Awards: Kacie is going to coordinate a time with McDonald's so they can be presented the award. Nate is going to coordinate a time with Norman's to present them with the award. The Cut Bank Creek Brewery made more improvements with the addition of their own food truck and additional space so they will be presented the award in August. .

Public Drug: The sale of the Public Drug building continues to move forward. Nate Kavanagh brought an amendment to the contract to seek approval from the Board before signing. The amendment addresses the purchase price of the building (\$40,000) and a closing date of no later than August 31, 2022. The Board approved the signing. Nate will return the document to the Grimms/Glacier Property Group to move forward with the sale.

Welcome Bags: An email will go out to members to drop off items for welcome bags by August 5th and an assembling night will be scheduled in August.

Reimagining Rural Grant: Nate reported he has yet to meet with the Glacier County Development Corporation, but will reach out again. He plans to attend the Glacier County Port Authority meeting to discuss the community branding project.

Business Appreciation Days: The BAD committee will meet in the coming weeks to finalize details for the barbecues, which are scheduled for August 15 (Valier), August 16 (Cut Bank), August 17 (Sunburst), and August 18 (Browning). We discussed the possibility of purchasing a trailer, which would help during not only events like the BAD barbecues, but also other fundraisers where we are needing to make multiple trips to and from the Chamber office. Storage, price, and business sponsorships to support the purchase were discussed. Renting a

trailer was also discussed as an option for this upcoming series of barbecues. The Farmer's Market plans to piggyback off of the Shakespear in the Park and Business Appreciation Days barbecue on Aug. 16. Nate will touch base with Jessica Henigman to make sure vendors do not take up the space that Shakespeare in the Park needs.

Shakespeare in the Parks: The event is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16. Posters were distributed among the Directors to deliver around town to promote the event.

Lewis and Clark Days: Rachel will be emailing out a signup sheet for the Beer Booth. All other aspects of the event are planned. The need for a Facebook event was brought up and so a Facebook event page will be created through the Chamber's Facebook account.

Holiday Bazaar Update: The date for the 2022 Bazaar is November 5. The Visitor Center Staff will stuff envelopes with information and applications for vendors by the end of August. We have already received inquiries from interested people.

Hi-Line Arts Grant: Nate found contact information for the artist, Mike Hollern of Great Falls, in the Chamber email account and reached out to him to see about installing the sculptures somewhere else in Cut Bank. He responded that he is in Wisconsin until August and will reach out when he is back home to discuss the pieces. Collaborating with the City of Cut Bank's Beautification Committee to find a new space(s) for the sculptures was also discussed.

New Business:

Artist Mural Stipend: Lisa Cline approached the Chamber to see about contributing a stipend to the artist who completed a scenic mural on Main Street. Rachel made a motion to gift artist George Grandchamp \$250 in Chamber Bucks. Nate seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments and Questions:

None