

**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes  
Nov. 6, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon**

**Directors Present:** Jeff Billman, Calcie DeZort, Adrienne Fritz, Pete Hetherington, Gail Hofstad, LeAnne Kavanagh, Juanita Meeks, Sissy Nygaard.

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

**Directors Absent:** Pat Murphy, (Excused); Matt Waller and Steven Hjartarson

**Guests Attending:** Sara Brown, NaturEner; Kelly Solberg, City of Cut Bank.

**Regular Business:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Billman. The minutes from the October meeting were presented for approval. Adrienne moved to accept the minutes as emailed and Calcie seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved as emailed.

The financial reports from October 2015 were reviewed. See attached.

Balances were reported as follows: \$1,654.16 Chamber Checking Account; \$31,508.71 Economic Development Checking Account; \$7,627.06, Gift Certificate Account; \$7,418.99 Buckle Account; Lewis and Clark Committee-\$ 8,020.00 (checking) and \$11,185.67 (money market).

Sissy and Amy provided some additional information regarding some of the month's transactions, including the rent payment from Windy Creek Casuals will be their last, Sissy will do a transfer from the ED account to the general checking account for Amy's wages while working on the Brownfield grant; the Chamber has received the \$15,000 grant for the Public Drug project from the Port Authority thanks to Amy's diligence.

Juanita moved the financial report be accepted with Calcie seconding the motion and all voting in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

**Committee updates:**

**Economic Development-**Amy updated the board on the progress of the Public Drug grant/project. A site visit has been scheduled on Nov. 11 and there will be a walkthrough with a potential buyer and the prioritization of needs. The Chamber has received a few inquiries by interested tenants for the Myhre Building. The board asked Amy to proceed with scheduling a statewide advertisement and possible 4-way ad in area papers for the rental space.

**Stage Cover-**Sissy spoke with Mayor Embody about the project and is compiling a cost estimate for the project. Amy requested the project be put on the Port Authority agenda for possible funding, but was told the PA is not entertaining funding requests at this time. After some discussion, the board gave Amy the go ahead to apply for a Dept. of Commerce Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$75,000.

**Shop Local Campaign-**Amy updated the board on the annual campaign, which is offered by the Chamber at no cost to local businesses. The first weekly drawing will be held on Nov. 9.

**Make a Difference Day-**Pete recapped the work done at the ice skating rink area by a few Chamber directors on Make a Difference Day. There appears to be some confusion about who owns/leases the property (city or school) so Kelly was asked to look into the matter for the Chamber.

**Parade of Lights-**Gail and Juanita reported on the upcoming event and everything is on schedule. The Chamber directors will meet and decorate a float for the parade on Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Billman's Inc. warehouse. Gail and Juanita are working to get Miss Montana Danielle Wineman here for the event.

**Holiday Bazaar-**Adrienne and Calcie said things are ready for the bazaar. They have sold out all the vendor spaces, but need more volunteers to help on the day of the bazaar.

**Festival of Trees-** Calcie and Adrienne are lining up sponsors and people to decorate trees and wreaths for the fundraiser on Dec. 5. Crawford Brothers will provide the entertainment. Pete was asked if he and Jamie would emcee. Tickets were distributed to the directors and

they are asked to return unsold tickets to Billman's Inc. or Amy on Dec. 1.

**New Business:**

**Membership Drive-** LeAnne reported the drive is just getting underway and Amy said some renewals have started to come in.

**Insurance Review-** Juanita provided some additional information about coverage option and the board decided it was not interested in providing any coverage for volunteers.

**Reminders:**

The next Chamber Up will be at Billman's Inc. on Nov. 17 and then December's social will be at Billman's Home Décor. The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2 in order to finalize plans for the Festival of Trees.

The meeting was adjourned.

**LeAnne Kavanagh**  
**Secretary/Director**