

# November 2023 Chamber Mtg

November 8, 2023 | River Street Meeting Room, Cathlamet Washington



<b>Minute Taker</b>	Steve Carson (SC) <sc@clnw.com>
<b>Attendees</b>	Shannon Britt (SB) <skamokawaresort@yahoo.com>, Dan Lorenzen (DL) <dlorenzen@wahkiakum.us>, Ryan Murillo (RM) <rmurillo@wahkiakum.us>, Lee Tischner (LT) <tisch@cni.net>, Sam Shogren (SA) <sam@wahport2.org>, Bob Jungers (BJ) <rjungers@elochomanmillwork.com>, Steve Carson (SC) <sc@clnw.com>, Kay Walters (KW), Robert Stowe (RS) <stowe@townofcathlamet.com>, Michael Armstrong (MA) <mac1dogs@gmail.com>, Mackenzie Jones (MJ)

	Type	Note	Owner	Due
<b>1. Call to order</b>	INFO	Shannon called the meeting to order. Alysee and Andrew are out of town today.		
<b>2. Assistant Director</b>	INFO	Ryan Murillo introduced himself as the new Assistant Director. He will be available full-time.		
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	DECISION	Discussion on the minutes being posted to the website and creating an email address for members and board members that can be used by staff to send group emails.		
<b>4. Budget</b>	INFO	Shannon and Andrew met to look at the budget. Approved October and YTD report		
<b>5. Newollah Report</b>	INFO	72 passports were turned in with 18 businesses responding to a post-event survey. Overall the event was well attended and people really enjoyed the event.		
<b>6. Crab &amp; Oyster Feed</b>	INFO	It was suggested to increase the price to \$45 per ticket. Ticket Sales start in December. February 17th, 2024 at Columbia River Ranch.		
<b>7. Christmas Decorations</b>	DECISION	This is the first year to decorate the remodeled courtyard at the courthouse. Dan is working with a local artist to create decorations. It was approved to buy a Wahkiakum Holiday Sign for \$2,000		
<b>8. Port 2 Report</b>	INFO	Sam Shogren attended several conferences recently related to promoting our community. Upcoming programs include Cathlamet entering into the Washington Main Street program in the near future. The USDA statewide conference, NW rural investment strategy summit in Skamankia promoted helping rural areas access federal funds. The Small Ports Conference provided a variety of opportunities to connect with additional resources for local economic development. Sam also wanted to thank Mayor Olson for pointing out an issue where the RCO board recently awarded the members of the committee's projects and failed to fund other communities. His investigation into this has forced them to change the way they award funding in the future.		
<b>9. Chamber Summit</b>	INFO	Shannon reported that the Executive Board will hold a Chamber Summit to review and project for the coming year. This is a first for the Chamber to set aside a larger block of time to plan long-range for our organization.		
<b>10. Board Member Seats</b>	INFO	It's the time of year for board members "retiring" to consider renewing for the coming year. There are also 2 board member positions available for next year.		
<b>11. Discussion</b>	INFO	McKenzie shared news about the 2024 Elochoman Marina Street Market (a new name!) The port is looking for a manager to run the market next year. 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm		

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<b>12. Upcoming Events</b>	INFO	December 2nd, Tree Lighting and Parade (parade starts at 5 pm) December 12th, Membership Meeting Luncheon - Location TBD January 11th, BusinessAfter Hours - Tsuga Art Gallery		
<b>13. Elochoman Millworks</b>	INFO	Bob Jungers reported that the mill has been growing and they are adding a new CNC machine.		
<b>14. Adjourned</b>	INFO	@ 11:27 am		