

March 2024 - Chamber Meeting



**Wahkiakum Chamber
of Commerce**

March 13, 2024 | River Street Meeting Room, Cathlamet Washington

Minute Taker Steve Carson

Attendees Richard Erickson, Ryan Murillo, Lee Tischer, Robert Jungers, David Olson, Dr. Joshua Wesmiller, Coleen, McKenzie, Kim Howell, Sherril Bollin, Delphine Criscenzo, Kay Walters, Michael Armstrong, Kathleen McDonald, Gene O'Neill

Item	Type	Note
Call to order	AGENDA	Richard called the meeting to order at 9 am
Approval of Minutes	DECISION	Marissa took last months minutes, not available for Approval at this time
Treasurer's Report	DECISION	Motion approved to table approval until we can get a verbal discussion of the report.
Crab Feed	INFO	Overall revenue was up, but expenses were up also. A total of \$7,200 was raised through the event. 74 responses on the surveys with overwhelming positive reviews. We fell a little short of the goal for the event.
Wahkiakum Ferry	DECISION	David Olson shared that he has been talking with Little Island Creamery about a celebration for the 100th anniversary. A date of June 21st, 2025 has been set and planning has started. This is the only interstate ferry west of the Mississippi River. They are looking into grants to assist with the funding. It was moved and approved that the Chamber would support the efforts for the celebration.
JBH Heritage Ctr	DECISION	The bill for establishing a State Heritage center at the JBH house did not make it to the floor. The movement did create good publicity including the Seattle Times. The goal is to bring it back at the next session. There was also an entry in the upcoming state budget for \$30,000 to the State Historical Sociaety to plan for preserving the house. It was approved to renew a support letter to request funds from our state representatives similar to last year's letter.
Public Comment	IDEA	Dr. Wesmiller presented a plan to implement electronic voting.
Public Comment	IDEA	Bob Jungers suggested to David Olson to include the Department of Commerce in finding funding for the JBH Center
Public Comment	INFO	Richard shared an update on the archway to the entrance to Cathlamet. Preliminary drawings have been drafted and work continues to proceed.
Upcoming	INFO	2024 Spring Hook the Hawg Salmon Derby March 28th - 30th coming. The Marina is full for the weekend.
Adjourned	AGENDA	Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am