

January 24 - Chamber Mtg

January 10, 2024 | River Street Meeting Room, Cathlamet Washington



Minute Taker	Steve Carson (SC) <sc@clnw.com>
Attendees	Michael Armstrong (MA) <mac1dogs@gmail.com>, Dan Lorenzen (DL) <dlorenzen@wahkiakum.us>, Alysse Weiler (AW) <aweiler@wahkiakum.us>, Steve Carson (SC) <sc@clnw.com>, Ryan Murillo (RM) <murillo@wahkiakum.us>, Sam Shogren (SA) <sam@wahport2.org>, Sherrill Bollen (SB) <sbollen@cni.net>, Kay Walters (KW), Todd Souvenir (TS) <port1t@cni.net>, Gene O Neil (GO) <gene@pugetislandgardens.com>, David Olson (DO) <david.olson@townofcathlamet.com>, Bob Jungers (BJ) <rljungers@elochomanmillwork.com>

	Type	Note	Owner	Due
1. Call to Order	INFO	Richard called the meeting to order.		
2. Approval of Minutes	DECISION	Approved		
3. Treasurer Report	DECISION	Approved		
4. Wah Youth Mentoring	INFO	Minette Smith reported that the Wahkiakum Youth Mentoring program is up and running after a couple of years of struggles with the coronavirus restrictions and a change in leadership. The program is currently matching 8 youth with mentors. Mentors commit 4 hours a month to work with their youth. In February, new mentors will be added for the program's second year. There's an upcoming meeting for prospective mentors at the end of this month. Contact Minette or the chamber for more information. Youth from Kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome to be in the program.		
5. Crab Feed	INFO	Ticket Sales 204 individual and 21 tables. 6 pm tables sold out. 3 pm tables are nearly sold out. Food has been ordered, permits requested, and a walk-through and volunteer plans are ready. Volunteer sign-up is available on the website at https://wahkiakum.us/crab .		
6. Privacy Policy	INFO	Ryan presented a draft Privacy Policy and it the need was presented to the group. It was approved to table the approval of the policy until it has been reviewed by legal and we've had a chance to review the document.		
7. Debit Card	DECISION	With Alysse's coming leave the importance of getting a card for Ryan was presented. There was a discussion on the benefit of a debit card over a credit card. It was approved to have a debit card issued to Ryan for expenses.		
8. Board Members	DECISION	It was approved to continue with Sherrill and Michael on the board.		
9. Graphic Design	INFO	Alysse presented the need for updated branding for the organization. She has contacted a graphic designer and has a proposal for coming up with Brand Guidelines and Logo Redesign.		
10. Upcoming Events	INFO	Business After Hours - Tsuga Gallery, Jan 11th, 6 pm Grant Writing 101 - Lower Columbia Incubator, Jan 31, 3 pm Creative Marketing in a Digital World - Rat Tap, Feb 6, 9 am		

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11. Cathlamet Update	INFO	Mayor Olson announced the moving of City Hall by the end of the month. He also advised that the town has \$600K coming from the cell tower lease. The town is entertaining ways to best use the funds. The town is now an affiliate of the Main Street program from Washington State. This will provide a statewide resource for improving our downtown area. Finally, David renewed his plea to make sure that we do what it takes to not let the Julia Butler Hansen house and the historic artifacts get lost should the current ownership change. There is a possibility that State Parks could be coerced into making it a State Park.		
12. Port 2 Update	INFO	Sam talked about the E3 program. He took the lead on applying on behalf of the Chamber to the E3 program. They are in the selection process now. If we are selected we could receive consulting over several months to assist with the redevelopment of Main Street. He has also been working with Monica at COG regarding the incubator and the small business development coordinator. He is also working with a Google project for enterprise development.		
13. Adjourn	INFO	The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am		