

Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting

June 11, 2025/ 1030 Hours/ River Street Meeting Room

Steve Carson: Call to order 1030

Marissa moves to approve minutes from Mar, Apr May, Steve second. Passed unanimously

Treasurer report:

- Leading Light contract has been signed. Kim meeting to do onboarding this afternoon. Passed expenditures for May. Have 29500 in income. Received ADO pmt. Had about 15250 in expenditures 16840 for operating budget.
- Ryan got update from ADO from Dept of Commerce. Allocation that was previously 75000 will be reduced by 31% will be approx. 51000. 3 smallest counties got biggest decrease in funding. Ryan/Kim have meeting tomorrow to discuss cuts. Some of the bigger counties got increases. Was a decision from Oly that overrode the RCW, changes were made in base rates. Will look to see if there is anything Wahkiakum can do about the changes. Effective August 1, 2025.
- Kim is looking at over 100k in our checking account, has been there since 2017. Not gaining interest. Marisa has given CD rates to pull some of that money and move it into an investment account. Current rates are about 3.5% at BOP. CD rate for 12mo 4.2, quoted 4.5 on 6mo CD at Edward Jones. Marissa asked how long would it take to get funds back if we move to an external bank.

New Business:

Old Business

- HMT have some more items to address next month on HMT tax spending.

Directors Report

- 87 members, had 3 more join since last month. Andrew Weiler has founded Youth Golf Foundation and they joined, JJ's pizza and Mohr joined and Freedom Market

- BED still has 2 sponsorships but have verbal commitments Ryan needs to follow up on.
- Vendor registration:
 - have 53, lots of food. Will have some vendors at the Marina near Kel's.
- Ferry Centennial next week. Program has been sent to print. Chamber and Creamery doing volunteer recruitment. Fundraising picked up got around 6k in sponsorship. Skamokawa Swamp Opera performing, snow cones, historic info, activities for kids. Will be in the venue at the creamery. There is signup genius for volunteers.
- ADO – Community initiatives
- Rene Westbrook and Eagle going to do a photo contest during BED. Replace Art in the Park and display photos down there, submit 8x10. Will have printing available for those who can't print. Winners will get displayed in eagle and down at train park. Rooted & Rising, Landscape, Wildlife, People & Culture.
- Shannon: Kayak last weekend was South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayaking focus on Greenland style kayaking. Skin on Frame.
 - Went to Vista Park. People came from out of area, 2024 was unable to happen, but were able to make 25 happen.
 - 65 ppl at vista over 4 days did classes on the water. Had catered meals, went to restaurants. Group was very appreciative and have set dates for next year.
- Thurs Shannon will be going with Wahkiakum West to do part of the TV show. Leaving port 1 and landing at port 2.

Public Comment:

- Cooking Class, showing of film at 1645, then ice cream social after tomorrow at the creamery. Chef Stu is doing cooking class \$95. Cooking class hosted on Saturday as well.
- Attempting to get a new community tv networks for Charter subscribers.
- Bob Jungers: last week there was an event that appeared to be minimally advertising to the public PUD/TOC agreement to consolidate utilities. Have reached preliminary agreement. PUD will take over operations and will then take over actual ownership over next 6 mo. Jan 1 will be complete. False info about TOC water rates will increase dramatically, Bob doesn't see rates increasing at all. Recently Dept of Health has been pressuring PUD to make this acquisition and will allocate funding to assist. Asbestos pipe has a 50 yr life, stopped in the 70s, bob has concerns about

water system not being able to support fire suppression operations. Looking at improving infrastructure.

- Town administrat has a differing opinion on what will come from the merger. This is not the time to discuss it. But it differs from Mr Jungers opinions on the merger.
- 1300 Women of the year ceremony. Flag raising at 1400 at flagpole at community center. Women's club will be doing refreshments after.
- PIGYs upcoming June 27/28. Chamber has maps.
- PI Gardens has a new website. Will have registration for Music Festival. Grand opening for beer garden grand opening will be held 7/11.
- June 28 25th anniversary of the dollars for scholars at the brewery. Live and silent auction.

Adjourned at - 11:28