

Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting

June 09, 2025/ 1030 Hours/ River Street Meeting Room

Attendees:

Bob Jungers	Lee Tischer
Steve Carson	Garrett Radcliff
David Olson	Dianna Zimmerman
Kim Howell	Dan Lorenzen
Kay Walters	Marissa Schillios
Todd Souvenir	Ryan Murillo
Brandi Beedle	Javier
Richard Erickson	

Agenda:

Call to Order – 10:34 Steve Carson, President

Motion to approve David, Richard second, pass unanimously.

Any Agenda topics to add? None

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report –

Finance –

End of Q3 report. Had to adjust money between accounts due to lack of incoming funds. Kim passed out Financial Statement for board members to review. Will be invoicing County for Q3, which will be our final payment for this year. Will be some nuance in Hotel/Motel, as delays have happened 2 years in a row.

YTD End of Quarter P and L

Total income 140297.98 for the year. Net operating income \$75,846. About 73k in hole at end of Q3. Ryan adv should equal out as later payments come in

BED P&L. Discussed at executive meeting last week. Now that we have things recategorized, have a better understanding of what is directly coming from the Chamber. \$9202.24 was charged to HM accounts. Expecting an additional 8200 to fireworks. Have 6244 set aside for fireworks, but still have 1956 to still be charged to HMT. Will spend about \$11000k on BED. Board needs to look at what needs to be charged to HMT. Steve noted that the town currently does not contribute any of their HMT to BED. Chamber will be submitting HMT request to Town for BED 2026. David adv to do soon as preliminary budget is due in a few weeks. Could be done through contract or through HMT request. Need to establish a cost share with the town. Would love to start seeing BED as a fundraising event.

Budget vs Actual. 75% of the year

HMT only at 58% for income. Expect to see ADO income and ticket sales from the Crab Feed and county HMT pmt.

Ryan is working on 2026 proposed budget, have total, HMT budget and Operating budget.

HMT requests Richard adv Pacific county does one day that people can come make requests for HMT funds, rather than taking them as they come in throughout the year.

Need to renegotiate the More Power contract. Don't believe there is a local contractor who could provide comparable services. David adv town also is looking at their MP contract. Could possibly partner with Town in negotiations.

Ryan will contact David Nelson about potentially combining office/visitor center to save on rent.

Tourism:

Ryen is developing a document to weight requests. Would take into account how many attending, how many nights, etc.

Chamber Staff:

Have 8 new renewals. C&H fish renewed. USPS joined. Garrett has been doing follow-up.

Contracts and budgeting are coming up towards the end of year.

Mostly doing end of year planning.

Richard noted that we need to do negotiations with the town prior to town's budget negotiations. There will be a change in the mayor. David adv only mayor and one council member will change for 2026. Council schedule is light. This would be a good time to meet

with council on these topics. Town budget is finalized in December. 10/20 is first budget meeting. Look at mid-November after the election to have a meeting/workshop with the chamber and the town council. Will need special meeting, if more than 2 councilmembers present.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Will be new board members in the upcoming year. Marissa resigned. Exec Board voted to dismiss 2 members who have been absent frequently. Have 3 open seats.

Business after hours Oct 16

Trick or Treating 10/31. Businesses downtown will have candy. Trunk or treat at school. Chamber will be doing pumpkins in the windows. It's also last home football game that night at 1900.

Fair will be doing carnival & trunk or treat Thurs 10/30. St. James has carnival 10/25.

PI passport is ongoing every weekend in Oct. Have an event coming up on 10/18 Octoberfest at PI gardens.

Public comment:

Dianna Zimmerman. WCHHS is hosting living Well Nov 7 11-1300 at the Hope Center. SHEBA will be there. DOL will be present to issue/renew licenses. Mobile popup clinic for flu vaccines/dental.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20