

Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting

December 10, 2025/ 1030 Hours/ River Street Meeting Room

Attendees:

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| Steve Carson | Garrett Radcliff |
| Kim Howell | Dan Lorenzen |
| Kay Walters | Ryan Murillo |
| Brandi Beedle | Shannon Britt |
| Richard Erickson | Colton Pfiniger |
| Cindy Langston | |

Agenda:

Call to Order – 10:38 Steve Carson, President

Motion to approve Kim Howell, Richard Erickson second, pass unanimously.

Any Agenda topics to add? None

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Kim presented the November Profit & Loss (P&L). Items of note on this report include:

- Charges for design and fabrication of the Ferry Sign are showing last month in the 4520 Ferry Sign Grant restricted fund account. This grant received in Dec 2024 must be spent by EOY 2025.
- We received our first ADO payment of \$12914.56 for Q1 of the new state FY26-27 contract term. Dept of Commerce has since reevaluated the ADO distribution that is resulting in our annual funding raising from \$51658 to \$54422. Starting Q4 quarterly payments will be 13,605.50.

- We're starting to see crab feed income and expenses showing up in our reports.

She also presented a Year to Date (YTD) P&L. This report shows our income total at \$178997 and expenses total at \$245846, with our net income at a loss of -\$63625. The bulk of this overspend is Hotel/Motel expense overspend.

Tourism:

Chamber Staff:

Ryan is hoping to get an additional circuit at the courthouse. Hoping to jump in while the VFW adds lighting for the monument. Would like to expand the lighting on the tree but currently cannot because of the circuit.

Proposed Budget 2026. We are expecting 15k in ticket sales for crab feed. Includes increase in HMT from county. Not many huge changes. Have some decreases. Changing contract for IT services. Have terminated More Power. Will be contracting with computer link NW. Ryan bought extra office supplies this year and shouldn't need to buy some for a while. Have surplus on crab feed supplies and shouldn't need to purchase a lot of extra.

Kim asked about the previous discussion on separating out the hmt moneys spent on events. We need money set aside for chamber expenses from HMT. What is the time frame for HMT submissions. The tourism group will meet in Jan and set new rules. Potentially after crab feed would be a good time to receive HMT requests. Chamber can refer people to the town for additional HMT requests.

met with the town council, requesting input on some of the tourism decisions. They agreed to increase the chamber contract. We still need to have a workshop with the council ASAP. Will extend a formal invitation to Mayor Nick Sewald to join the Chamber.

Crab Feed: Going to raise crab prices at the beginning of January. Prices will go from \$45 to 50 on 01/01/2026. Will have kitchen lead this year.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Have 3 openings for seats, have one application. Looking for applications.

Public comment:

Colton Pfenniger is working on doing a cocoa crawl for Clatskanie. Buy a mug get a punch card and then go to businesses to get cocoa. Profits go to the Chamber Christmas decorations.

Cindy Langston asked about physical copies of the events calendars. Adv we are looking to do a quarterly calendar. Cindy would like to put a county landmark map out, adv we already have one. Colton adv library is doing an adventure passport for the county.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50