# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:00 PM



| Board of Directors   | Present | Reported<br>Absence | Unreported<br>Absence |
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| Joe Dvorak           | X       |                     | 32,000,000            |
| Joshua Miron         | X       |                     |                       |
| Corey Berube         | X       |                     |                       |
| Gretchen Blaufuss    | X       |                     |                       |
| Frank Christopherson | X       |                     |                       |
| Todd Cummings        |         | X                   |                       |
| Sara Helseth         | X       |                     |                       |
| Bonnie Menigo        | X       |                     |                       |
| Butch Nicoll         | X       |                     |                       |
| Julie Samuelson      | X       |                     |                       |
| Shawnda Schelinder   |         |                     | X                     |
| Lara Smetana         | X       |                     |                       |
| Julie Stevens        | X       |                     |                       |
| Anna Moser           |         | X                   |                       |
| Jill Tomczyk         |         | X                   |                       |
| Katelyn Nelson       |         | X                   |                       |

| Chamber Members                     |  |  |
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| Maria Vannelli, Vannelli's Landing  |  |  |
| Kent Krist, Pine City Pioneer       |  |  |
| Jeff Jahnz, Jeff's Outdoor Services |  |  |
| John Cabak, Cabak Law Office        |  |  |
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| Guests                              |  |  |
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#### **AGENDA:**

Dvorak called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

# **President's Report**

Dvorak provided an update from FirstLight Health System and the Wellness Center in Mora, MN. The Open House event is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and all are invited to attend. FLHS is also hosting their annual 5K event on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is a superhero "Cape my 5K" event.

### **Executive Director Report**

<u>Membership</u>: As of April 30<sup>th</sup> we are at a total of 203 new and renewed members, with two new memberships being added in April for the following: Empower Recovery Services and Rise Employment Services.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for 90 visitor packet requests, the April networking expenses for speaker and lunch, chamber chat for April and payroll expenses. These general fund expenses total \$2,530.89. No additional expenses from dedicated funds were made this month. *A motion was made by Menigo to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Samuelson. Motion carried.* 

## **Business & Community Development**

Frank Christopherson, committee member for the EDA and Planning Commission, shared the following highlights:

- » The Pine County Fair Survey conducted last August was presented to the public on April 30<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the full report will be added to the Chamber website.
- » A Mill Site Redevelopment Committee has been formed by the Mayor. The goal for the committee is to complete the process of demolition for this property by the end of 2018 and begin working on proposed projects to fill this vacant location.
- » Pine Technical & Community College shared with the EDA that they have set a new record for enrolled students in 2018.
- » Jordan Zeller with the ECRDC presented to the Pine City EDA members information about their annual CEDS survey which looks at regional development projects.
- » A site plan was submitted to the Planning Commission for the hotel project at the north interchange for Pine City.

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# **Committee Reports**

# **Networking Committee**

- » Luncheon event at Pine Innovation Center on May 17 with lunch being catered by Nicoll's Café.
- » Happy Hour at WCMP Radio Station scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. WCMP also plans to invite their advertisers and other Chambers, so the time was adjusted to run from 4:30 6:30 PM.
- » The team is exploring a regional speed networking collaboration with Rush City and Hinckley Chambers for the month of July.

## Freedom Fest Committee

- » KBEK Radio has connected us with a regional band The Drivin Wheels and they are providing a great deal on their performance fee.
- » The committee will be having a tour of the Pine County Event Center building this Friday so that we can accurately plan for space use.
- » We've had an increase in vendor booth spaces this year, so we hope that will translate to more attendees.

#### Golf Tournament

- » Date set for Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- » Registration opens this week

#### Pine County Parade

- » Registration opened today (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- » An automated email is distributed to all Chamber Members, local fire departments, community ambassador programs and past participants on May 1<sup>st</sup>. By 10 am this morning we already had our first 12 groups signed up.

## **Chamber Member Updates**

- » Vannelli's Landing is hosting a Car, Bike, Bus Fun Run event to various Pine County locations on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This event will be a fundraiser for the Braden Freetly family.
- » Corey Berube shared an update on recent news for the Frandsen Family Foundation. The Frandsen Family resides in Rush City and recently extended the opportunity to every graduating senior at Rush City high school to receive a scholarship to attend Pine Technical & Community College.
- » Pine Center for the Arts monthly gallery opening is coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 7 PM. All are invited.
- » Julie Samuelson shared that the Summer Food & Fun project will launch for the second year and begin during the second week of June. Applications are now being accepted for students ages 10 17 that are interested.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45PM by Miron, second by Nicoll. Motion carried.