

OWACC Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Minutes for: March 19, 2012, Withee Village Hall

1. Call to order By Vice President Kris Koplitz: Time: 6:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present: Janet Greschner, Kris Koplitz, Terry Laube, Sheri Rohland, Julie Tabbert, Randy Poirer.

Absent: Pat Esker & John Mael

Others present: None

3. Approve minutes: January 16, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting

Motion: Terry Laube 2nd: Julie Tabbert Vote: Unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report: for January & February 2012 (financials, new members, donations, etc.)

Motion: Janet Greschner 2nd: Heather Mueller Vote: Unanimous

Minor corrections made.

5. Action Items:

a) Election of officers:

Nomination for Pres.: by Greschner for Koplitz, she declined.

Nomination for Pres.: By Greschner for Laube 2nd by Poirer Vote: unanimous

Nomination for V-Pres.: by Greschner for Rohland 2nd by Koplitz Vote: unanimous

Nomination for Secretary: by Greschner for Mueller, she declined

Nomination for Secretary: by Tabbert for Greschner 2nd by Koplitz Vote: unanimous

Nomination for Treasurer: by Greschner for Tabbert 2nd by Poirer Vote: unanimous

Terry Laube, the new President, took over presiding over the board meeting.

b) Annual Meeting/Business Gathering: Bill for postage from O-W Dev Corp.

Motion by Rohland to pay same 75% / 25% split as was done on the other expenses for the business gathering/ annual meeting.

2nd by Koplitz Motion carried.

6. Liaison Reports:

a) O-W Development Corporation: Funds available through the Dev Corp now at more than \$30,000 for any business in Owen Area. Call Bonnie Wachsmuth for more info.

b) Owen City Counsel/Downtown Revitalization Committee: Woodland Hotel under new ownership and soon to be opened. Renovation on "old Dime Store" moving along.

- c) Agribusiness Innovation Center, Inc. (CWAIC): March 20th is d-day for promised funding from Jim Loucks. If this happens, hopes are to begin construction on June 1st.
- d) Withee Village Board: New ownership of Body Shop in Withee, Greg Sowieja
- e) Hwy 29 Partnership: Nothing new to report.
- f) Clark County Board/Economic Dev. Corp & Tourism: April 28th & 29th is the 2nd annual "Studio Artists Tour" with many local artists taking part in this. Was very successful last year.

7. Committee Reports:

- a) Newsletter: Sheri will have the Next newsletter out in April and will highlight Meadow Country Club as the business of the quarter, they have a new management team in place.
- b) Communication Center: 221 calls to date.
- c) Chamber Bucks: for Jan. \$500 worth of bucks sold and \$340 used to purchase Owen-Withee area products. For Feb. no chamber bucks were sold and \$145 were used to purchase O-W area products.
- d) Website: Gary Mitchell has indicated he will continue to keep the Chamber web updated.
Thank you Gary!
- e) O-W Hwy 29 Welcome Signs: discussion on flower beds under the Welcome signs. We are hoping to include the horticulture class of Travis Engel at the O-W High School for the planting of the flower beds and also the girl scout troupes under the guidance of Virginia Zeidel to maybe help with the maintenance of the flower beds.
- f) Chamber Advertising/Promotions: An O-W Area Chamber member asked if they could use the chamber logo in their ad. After discussion we saw no reason not to allow use of the chamber logo as long as the business is a member.
- g) Membership: Review of 2012 members, the board will contact unpaid members in hopes of continued support.
- h) Correspondence Received: Julie presented all correspondence received.

8. Old Business: Annual mtg recap. Very happy with the attendance and with the financial presentation made by Gary Mitchell. There was a suggestion to maybe recap past years accomplishments of the O-W Area Chamber of Commerce at the next annual meeting.

9. New Business/Agenda Items: It was the consensus of the board to start the board meeting a little earlier so we will now will start the board meetings at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month

10. Adjourn Time: 8:00 p.m. Motion by: 2nd: by Vote: Unanimous