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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. August 28, 2019. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey and Bill Long.

Absent: Robbie Winne and Mitch Swanda. Community Members Present: Tom Wills, The Merchant Herald and Wills Used Book Store.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:00 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the draft of the June minutes to Board members. Corrections were sent via email. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Ihnot seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, there is \$5,759.60 in the operating account and \$15,163.25 in the Special Projects account. Whittlesey's report included a final accounting of Ride the Rockies expenses and income. Whittlesey reported that membership dues for 2019 still need to be collected from VOGA. HCCC is starting to receive payments for booths at the November craft fair. Ihnot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Whittlesey seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

The Communication Secretary's duties are divided among HCCC Board Members. Winne will continue with the e-newsletter, Ihnot will continue managing HCCC's website, and checking HCCC's voicemail and email account will be distributed among board members.

Presentations/Introductions:

Lea Hart, District Director of Delta County Libraries, gave board members an overview of the library district's financial struggles over the past 10 years. Since 2011, the library district has lost \$667,000 in revenue. Due to the loss of income, library service hours and programs have been cut across the county. The library district's Board of Trustees voted on a resolution at their July meeting to place a mill levy funding request on the November 5, 2019 ballot. Hart explained that, if successful, the funding will be used to restore service hours and expand library services across Delta County. If unsuccessful, the district will make further reductions to service hours and library services across Delta County.

New Business.

Big Economic Sit Down Meeting-July 26 w/ Region 10, County, DCED, chambers and others. No HCCC Board Members were able to attend the July 26 meeting.

Region 10 Small Business Round Table- July 3-Tracy. Ihnot gave an overview of the July 3 meeting. All chambers, except Paonia, attended, along with representation from the Engage Center, Region 10, and the private sector. Participants discussed the various organizations that provide support for small businesses in Delta County, what services are offered, and where there may be gaps in service. Ihnot will continue to attend meetings and report to board members on progress.

Joint Chambers Meeting update-July 31-Tracy. Ihnot reported on the July 31 Joint Chambers meeting in Cedaredge. The Joint Chambers discussed the possibility of offering a discounted membership to organizations that join all five chambers. HCCC Board Members agreed that HCCC does not have the capacity to implement a new process and that discrepancies in the way the five chambers operate would make it difficult. Ihnot will report to the Joint Chambers at the October meeting.

Sept 11- North Fork Valley Chambers lunch to discuss NFV website. HCCC has organized a meeting of the North Fork Valley chambers to discuss the future of the NFV website. Ihnot will email the group to get a final count and notify members to bring their own lunch.

Distribution of phone and email duties. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the September HCCC Membership meeting.

Welcome to Hotchkiss/Replacement of signboard-Delta direction/Partnership with county? Board members discussed the possibility of collaborating with the county on installing two electronic welcome signs at the Paonia and Delta entrances to town. Gunnison Energy is providing funds for the signage. The existing sign at the Paonia entrance can be moved to the Crawford entrance to make room for the new sign. The Crawford entrance sign would remain a manual sign board. Board members reviewed the proposed design for the signs and gave feedback. Whittlesey will report to the county.

Membership in West Elk Scenic Byway. Sponseller gave a report on the West Elk Scenic Byway's request for 2019 memberships to help cover the costs of maintaining Byway signage and publications. Long made a motion that HCCC pay the \$150 membership to the West Elk Scenic Byway. Ihnot seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Committee Reports.

No committee reports.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

No announcements/non-agenda items.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:41am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary