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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting August 29, 2018. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Katherine Colwell, Bill Long, Absent: Lynda Cannon, Robbie Winne, Sue Whittlesey. Members: Niki Richardson and Lenore Cambria representing North Fork Pool Park and Recreation District. David Livingston, West Elk Community Fund.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:03 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the July meeting minutes draft to Board members and Board members sent corrections. Ihnot made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Long 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 \$2,865.30 in the operating account and \$8,099.02 in Special Projects account. Long made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Colwell seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Colwell reported that Collette Vervloet from Crawford Chamber reached out to report on PJ's new lunch hours and lunch menu.

Presentations/Introductions:

Lenore Cambria and Niki Richardson presented information on North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District. They have several grant-funded projects including putting a ballfield complex, a soccer complex, a climbing wall, miles of mountain biking trails, several shade structures, and a pump track. NF Pool, Park and Recreation District will be going for a mill levy increase. Like other special districts, they are really feeling the negative impacts of decreasing revenues because of state legislation like TABOR and Gallagher.

David Livingston gave a little background on how he ended up in the North Fork Valley and presented on the non-profit West Elk Community Fund. The fund is set up to benefit local non-profits through a competitive grant application process. The deadline for 2018 applications is in September.

Tracy Ihnot presented on library resources for businesses. She gave an overview of the online resources available with a library card through the library district website.

Old Business.

Downtown Working Group. Sponseller gave an update on progress with the Region 10 REDI grant. Several work sessions have occurred and the RFP is out for consulting groups.

Updated maps. Sponseller suggested that the Board consider creating a North Fork Valley map in the future, similar to the Hotchkiss walking map.

Colwell's Replacement/Future Board and Duties. Sponseller reported that there is an ad coming out in the DCI this week to seek Colwell's replacement. There may be other Board positions opening as well.

New Business.

Colorado Grand-Friday, September 14. Sponseller gave an overview of the event and the associated grants. HCCC is seeking volunteers for Colorado Grand from 11am to 2pm on September 14. Paonia is providing desert this year. Hard Pressed will be providing music.

Rural Philanthropy Days- week of June 12-14, 2019. Sponseller reported that there may be a conflict with Ride the Rockies coming through at the same time. Sponseller did ask a representative from Ride the Rockies if they would be willing to adjust their Hotchkiss date.

Christmas Tree? Marsy Moore spoke with Sponseller about whether HCCC wants to be involved in putting up a Christmas Tree again this year at Creamery Arts Center. The Board is concerned about how to make it happen with multiple Board Members leaving and no replacements.

Committee Reports.

Outreach Committee. Ihnot needs to assemble more bags to drop off at Town Hall.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

No announcements/non-agenda items

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sep 26 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:55 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary