



**Membership Meeting. August 25, 2021. Fairgrounds Park.**

**Roll Call.** Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey, Mitch Swanda, and Bill Long. Board Members Absent: Robbie Winne and Kim Shay. Community Members Present: Wendell Koontz, Delta County Commissioner, and Mary Hockenbery, Hotchkiss Town Council Member.

**Call to Order.** President Mitch Swanda called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 12:04 pm.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Recording Secretary Tracy Ihnot emailed the draft of the July 28 minutes to board members for review. Whittlesey made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Sponseller seconded. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Whittlesey provided the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for board members to review. The current balance in operations is \$2,451.35 and special projects is \$16,514.19. Board members discussed downsizing HCCC's PO Box in 2022 to minimize costs. Whittlesey will request pricing information and report back to the board. Ihnot made a motion to accept the report as submitted and Long seconded. All were in favor.

**Administrative Report.**

Membership update. Sponseller reported that HCCC is holding at 91 members. Visitors Kiosk. Sponseller is contacting the non-members that have promotional materials in the kiosk. All non-member materials will be pulled from the kiosk after the notice period. Website. Sponseller is working on updating the lodging and dining list. Colorado Grand Update. Sponseller is still getting clarification on the details for the mid-morning coffee stop. Board members discussed possibilities for providing local coffee and pastries, parking and traffic flow considerations, and preparing the park for the event.

**President's Report:**

Annual Meeting. Board members discussed possible locations and dates for the HCCC's annual meeting. The tentative date is set for Wednesday, November 10 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Ihnot will follow up on some possible locations.

**Presentations/Introductions:**

Mary Hockenbery gave the board an overview of the downtown improvement projects that the Town of Hotchkiss has spearheaded over the past several years. She would like to begin the conversation of how to continue moving things forward, including HCCC's role and how to involve the Hotchkiss business community.

Hockenbery reported that CDOT is planning to make some updates to pedestrian crossings in downtown Hotchkiss, including updating sidewalk ramps for ADA compliance and eliminating some of the crossings. CDOT

will be giving a presentation at the September Hotchkiss Town Council meeting. Koontz suggested that the Hotchkiss Town Council push CDOT for the approval for street lamps and banner poles.

Wendell Koontz reported that Cody Prentice is the new facilities person for the Delta County Fairgrounds. School is in session at the new North Fork Miners high school and September 17 is the first home football game. The County is planning to purchase the old City Market/Chaco building in Delta for a new library. The plan for the current library building will be to house the Sherriff's administrative offices. The County will be working on a master plan for the fairgrounds during the fourth quarter. Koontz encouraged board members to submit events and promotions to Darnell Place-Wise, the PIO for the County, for posting.

#### **Old Business**

No old business.

#### **New Business.**

No new business.

#### **Committee Reports.**

**Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan update.** No updates.

**Outreach Committee.** No updates.

#### **Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.**

Hockenbery asked about HCCC's plan for the 2021 holiday craft fair. Sponseller will contact Tom Wills for more information. Wills has coordinated the event in recent years.

**Next Membership Meeting.** Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at noon at the Fairgrounds.

**Adjournment.** Swanda adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary