



Membership Meeting. May 26, 2022. Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Museum.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Tracy Ihnot, Kim Shay, Lenore Cambria, Terry O'Brien, Shelly Ware, and Nathan Sponseller, Executive Director. Board Members Absent: Robbie Winne. Community Members Present: Kelsi Buhr, Bank of Colorado, Thomas Wills, Merchant Herald.

Call to Order. President Kim Shay called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:51am.

Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Ihnot emailed the draft of the April 25 minutes for board members to review. A small correction was made. Cambria made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and O'Brien seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

O'Brien sent the treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting for board members to review. A review of regulatory filings was performed in May. Contact information was updated to include Sponseller and O'Brien. The Secretary of State filing was deferred until November. The Federal IRS filing was made. As of 5/13/22 the balance in the operating account is \$7,714.23 and the balance in the special projects account is approximately \$16,500. Ihnot made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Ware seconded. All were in favor.

Executive Director's Report.

Membership Drive. Sponseller gave the Board an update on the 2022 membership drive. One new member has joined since the last meeting bringing HCCC to 104 members.

Website Rebuild. Sponseller gave the board an update on the on-going HCCC website project. Sponseller has access to the back side of the website for review and will request access to preview the public-facing side.

President's Report.

Joint Chamber Work Session. Shay recommended that HCCC continue participating in joint board member work sessions. Board members discussed coordinating with the other chambers to schedule three work sessions per year, one in each community. Ihnot will share the meeting notes from the 5/25/22 meeting with the HCCC board members. Sponseller will follow up with an email to the joint chambers to suggest scheduling the next meeting in Delta. Board members discussed including Delta Chamber of Commerce board members as well as the Executive Director.

Bridge Street Construction. Board members discussed challenges that businesses are facing due to the Bridge Street construction project. Currently, the south side of the street is experiencing a direct impact due to accessibility. Wills plans to continue promoting those businesses in the Merchant Herald and on social media.

Board Members Stepping Down. Robbie Winne is stepping down due to health-related concerns. Bill Long has already stepped down and will fill the role of ex-officio board member. There are four candidates interested in filling the two open positions. Letters of interest from the candidates were shared with board members via email prior to the meeting for review.

Presentations/Introductions.

No presentations/introductions.

Old Business.

Joint Chamber Meeting. See the President's Report.

Colorado Grand Scholarship. Innot gave update on the award ceremony at North Fork High School. The parents of the recipient wrote a very nice letter to HCCC. Sponseller reported that he will present a draft policy and updated scoring rubric at the next meeting.

Joint Newsletter/Website. Board members discussed the inquiry from Crawford Chamber of Commerce to join forces on the weekly newsletter and website. HCCC is tabling this discussion for now.

Appointment of Board Positions. Tom Wills, Shayna Keller, Randy Thalmann, and Kelsi Buhr have expressed interest in filling the open HCCC board member positions. Wills and Buhr gave the board a brief overview of their interest and experience. Board members voted. Wills and Buhr were selected to fill the open positions left by Winne and Long. Both terms expire in December of 2022.

New Business.

Robbie Stepping Down from the Board. Innot gave board members an update on her visit and correspondence with former board member Winne. Board members discussed sending a card to offer condolences.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

O'Brien. Shared information about the DMEA board member meet and greet.

Cambria. Shared information about the residential assessment rate drop that will impact special districts in Colorado over the next two years. Counties under 300,000 in population and with less than 10% increase in assessed value will have the difference covered by the state. The North Fork Pool opens in June. The recreation district board is working on their 10-year action plan, which may include hiring a Program Coordinator. Their board is holding a special planning meeting on Tuesday, June 14 and their regular meeting on Monday, June 20.

Shay. Shared information about the 2022 fair. Visit deltacountyfair.com for vendor information. There is no parade form yet, but interested parties can notify Shay to get on the list.

Sponseller. Sign board update: The Crawford signboard updated. The Delta signboard needs to be repaired. North Rim of the Black Canyon can open any time in April or May which can impact tourism because visitors cannot plan ahead. BLM maintains the road. Sponseller asked board members to consider writing a joint letter to forest service with the county and the impacted municipalities.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30 at 8:30am at the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Museum.

Adjournment. Shay adjourned the meeting at 10:am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary