

February 24, 2010 Meeting

Present: Collins, Jackins, Heaton, Aberle, Knapp, Gibson, Fuller, White, Waller, Muller, Walton, Kostick, Florence, Bode, Millikin, Valley

Absent: Hall, Sturza, Mayo, Ketchum, Shannon

MINUTES

Approval of January 27, 2010 minutes. Motion by Kyle Heaton. 2nd by Debbie Knapp

FINANCE

Year end financials prepared by accountant Jean Falb.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Thorbecke's Membership trade** – Jim Valley reported that Dale Pullin supported the board voting to change The Chamber's Trade w/Thorbecke's Fit Life.
- **Flooding** – After a presentation by the group “One Voice”, board members present voted unanimously on a resolution that supports retention as The Chamber’s first choice for a flood solution. The Board made it clear it is not anti-levee. Motion by Kyle Heaton. 2nd by Mike Millikin.

Yay: Collins, Jackins, Heaton, Aberle, Knapp, Gibson, Fuller, White, Waller, Muller, Walton, Kostick, Florence, Bode, Millikin

Nay: none

NEW BUSINESS

- **Providing Local Comment and Legal Strategy for proposed FEMA Maps** – The Board voted unanimously to contribute \$10,000 to the legal battle against the proposed FEMA flood maps. Also for executive director Jim Valley to be part of the selection process for choosing a lawyer for opposing the new FEMA flood maps. Motion by Kyle Heaton. 2nd by Dave Muller.

Yay: Collins, Jackins, Heaton, Aberle, Knapp, Gibson, Fuller, White, Waller, Muller, Walton, Kostick, Florence, Bode, Millikin

Nay: none

- **Health Benefits** – Board members authorized executive director Jim Valley to find a solution inline with The Chamber budget and what has been done in the past.

- **Business Connection Newsletter** – The board decided to table both proposals from The Chronicle and put Business Connections print newsletter on hold for now.
- **TransAlta Tax** – Lou Florence let The Board know that the Senate has released its budget. The budget will repeal the sales tax exemption for Coal-Fired Plants. A hearing is scheduled for today.
- **Young Professionals** – The Board tabled any talk of the Young Professionals group for this meeting.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Board Meetings – 7:00 am, Centralia College Boardroom

March 24, 2010

April 28, 2010

Finance/Executive Meetings – 7:00 am, Chamber Office

March 17, 2010

April 21, 2010

Upcoming Events

March 19, 20, 21, 2010 – Home & Garden Show