

**Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017**

Members Present:

Delaney Watkins, Vice President; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director, Mary Dyer, Rita Rattray, Sammy McCain, Rachel Weinstein, Pat Reilley, Elizabeth Farrar, Lisa Greene, Jennifer Bold, Max Klare, Shannon Coppock, Don Williamson, Alan Anderson, Andrew & Darla Seale, Silvia Durfey, Mac Stinchfield.

- I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Vice President Delaney Watkins.
- II. Welcome & Introductions**
- III. Approve June Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Rita made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Rachel seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- IV. Treasurers Report**
 - a. Treasurer Absent
- V. Staff Report**
 - a. Phone Calls: 27
 - b. Email: 105
 - c. Visitors: 78
 - d. Assists: 9
 - e. Member Referrals: 17
 - f. Facebook: Likes: 890
 - g. Website Visitors (please check out the new and improved Chamber of Commerce Website)
 - July 9,110 *our busiest month to date!
 - August 2,322 (in just 10 days)
 - **Average monthly visits 6,126**
 - h. **New Members:**
 - Devin Oil
 - **150 Condon Chamber of Commerce Members**
- VI. Business**
 - a. Rachel Weinstein -OSP projects 30,000 to 60,000 vehicles to travel through Gilliam County. She expects to have firmer numbers closer to the date of the event.
 - Kaylee Griffith of KC'S Country Value is helping organize a street fair in Fossil on August 20th from 2-6 pm so those in the area can also take in the concert in the park. Vendor spaces are free and you are encouraged to contact Kaylee Griffith at KC's Country Value for more information.
 1. kccountryvalue@gmail.com 541-763-2233.
 - 55 reservations at the Golf Course with spaces still available- 12 RV Reservations for the Fair Grounds and Burns Park is at capacity. Businesses are encouraged to send anyone inquiring about camping up to the Golf Course or to the Condon Chamber of Commerce.
 - b. Elizabeth Farrar reiterated on how important fire prevention measures are going to be during the long weekend prior to the eclipse. Communities along the path are encouraged to hand out the fire prevention rack card. While encouraging travelers to be very respectful of private property. Local residents are encouraged to "unplug" for the weekend in order to free up web space for first responders.
 - c. Volunteer opportunities available; please contact the Chamber to see where you can pitch in.

- d. Total burn ban is in effect from now until August 26th. No briquette grilling will be allowed outside of a residential zone.
- e. Note: Roads into the Painted Hills that are normally open will be closed off to traffic. The Painted Hills Monument does not allow overnight camping and road traffic into the park will also be closed off.
 - Wheeler County has 7,000 confirmed reservations. Liz emphasized that traffic on Sunday should be extremely heavy and if you are able to limit non essential traffic that is encouraged.
- f. Gilliam County Transportation is closed August 16-August 23.

VII. Office Updates

- a. We will be officially moved into the office and open for visitors September 5th. Please stop in and see your new Chamber location at 105 S. Main Street (former LaRue Insurance Office).

VIII. November Meeting

- a. The November Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on November 16th at 8:30 am at the Chamber of Commerce office.

IX. Fall Festival

- a. The Annual Fall Festival will be held on November 18th 2017 from 10-2 pm. Vendors are encouraged to sign up for a table now. The Festival will be held in the Memorial Hall and the upstairs of the Condon Elks Lodge. Vendor fee is \$15.

X. Waste Management Gift Presentation

- a. Alan Anderson of Waste Management & Columbia Ridge Landfill presented the Chamber with the gift of \$12,500 noting that he has no doubt the money will be put to good use in our community.

XI. Correspondence

- a. Thank you's
 - Ron Kopp
 - Woolery Group
 - Geb Galle
 - Oregon State Parks Foundation
- b. ADOPT-A-Highway update & Report
- c. 25th Anniversary Soap Box Derby

XII. Member Announcements

- a. Jennifer Bold updated the membership on the Early Learning Center Capital Project/Building. The foundation has been poured at the site and framework will be next. The Center is still fundraising and accepting donations.
- b. SAFE Swim Night August 17th 7:30-9 pm
- c. Be sure to take part in all the fun the Gilliam County Fair has to offer August 31-September 3rd. Benny the Beaver will be there on September 2nd. The Gilliam County Far Board is also hiring!
- d. Artisans Market is showing huge growth this year with 16 vendors. Silvia Dufey the Market Manager noted that the venue and coordination with Concerts in the park seem to be a draw for vendors and shoppers alike. Please be sure to come and check out the final market on August 26th 4-7 pm at the City Park.
- e. Shannon Coppock thanked Home Telephone for their generous donation to the SGRFD.
- f. Delaney Watkins thanked Jonna Rattray for inspiring her sister and for her willingness to always reach out and welcome others. Jonna also wrapped the Fourth of July ticket cans and we cannot thank her enough for her dedication, time and commitment to the Chamber of Commerce.

XIII. Upcoming Events

- a. August 19-21st Abstract Art show & Sale Memorial Hall
- b. August 20th
 - Fossil, Oregon-Street Fair 2 -6 pm
 - Condon, Oregon Solar Eclipse Party & Concert in the Park
- c. August 26-Artisans Market & Concert in the Park - HYATUS
- d. August 31st-September 3rd Gilliam County Fair & Rodeo
- e. September 17th-Gilliam County Historical Society Annual Appreciation Day 1-3 pm
- f. October SCARECROW Contest
 - October 31st Trick or Treat Main Street 3 pm
- g. November 18th-Fall Festival
- h. Battle of the Bulbs Residential & Commercial Light Contest
- i. December 2nd Condon Light Festival & Parade
 - Sponsor Columbia Basin Electric

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am

The next meeting will be on September 14, 2017 – 8:30 AM at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 08/14/2017