



Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 7:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Present: Beau Hartman, Allen Hendriks, Bobbie Jacobs, Angie Eggum, Rita Moyer, Heather Lee, Ryan Langemeier, Mike Chandler, Mike Funk, Shari Jensen and Elaine Wallace

Absent: Jeff Woodside, Kevin Miland, George Gonzalez

Welcome:

- Mike Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Reports:

City of Albert Lea (Ian Rigg, City Manager):

- Groundbreaking was held on the Vortex Storage site.
- Various street construction projects have begun.
- A draft on a housing study is being prepared.
- A 'Conditional Use Permit' is being issued for the 'Sky Flats' (former Marketplace building).

Freeborn County (Tom Jensen):

- Vaccine clinics are still taking place (with 49% of the County vaccinated to-date).
- Continued Bridge Avenue construction work has begun.
- Freeborn County Fair Board will know the end of April about the possibility of the Fair. There will be some kind of event just unsure of the entertainment schedule.

Committee Updates:

Chamber and Committee Updates were included in the packets emailed to all Board Members, for their information.

Consent Items:

- March Chamber Meeting Minutes were presented. No questions or comments. Bobbie Jacobs made a motion to approve the March Minutes. Seconded by Beau Hartman. Motion carried.
- March Chamber Financial Reports were presented. No questions or comments. Angie Eggum made a motion to approve the March financials. Seconded by Rita Moyer. Motion carried.

Brainstorm Session:

- Short Term: *Parade* – Tom Jensen said we could use the Fairgrounds for parade lineup. *Fireworks* – Permit is ready to submit but waiting on the new vendor if they will be able to do the fireworks for us.
- Long Term: Purpose of the Chamber is to network/build what is here and retain our existing businesses.

Action Items:

- Fair/Fireworks/Parade.
- Golf Outing is July 19 with a rain date of July 26.

Other/New Business:

- Heather Lee voiced her appreciation for the job board on the Chamber website.
- New Board Members – Interested applicants to complete the application form and submit. The Board will have a nomination and vote. There is no limit on the number of Board Members. It was suggested that Mike Chandler reach out to the City and County to see if there is any interest of anyone joining our Board.

Adjourn: Bobbie Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rita Moyer.

The next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 26th at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.