

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24th, 2014
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Deal
Secretary/Treasurer Williamson
Past President Knight
Board member R. Kniaziowski
Board member Blondin
Board member Bonney

Board member Powers
KICVB Rep. Starrett

New Members:

Board member McLaughlin
Board member Peterson

Excused

Board member Brodie
Board member Randolph
Vice President Vahl
Borough Rep. Cassidy

City Rep. A. Kniaziowski
USCG Base Rep. Capt. Woloszynski
USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Rivera
KEA Rep Scott

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director
Summer Wood, Comm. Rel. Director

Laura Arboleda, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

- President Deal chaired the meeting at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Corrections/Additions

Past President Knight moved to approve agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to change New Officer Sworn in to New Board Member Sworn in and Action Item #2 from Officer Elections to Board Member Elections. Board member Blondin seconded. Motion passed.

President Deal swore in present new board members Frank Peterson and Karl McLaughlin.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 27, 2014 Board Minutes

Board member Bonney motioned to move the January Board Minutes to the Action Items for discussion. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion passed.

2. Executive Director's Report
3. Economic Development Report
4. Community Relations Report
5. Membership Report
6. December Financial Statements

Past President Knight moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. January 27, 2014 Board Minutes

Board member Bonney suggested that the board minutes contain more details about Annual Dinner Award Nominees and Board Elections. Executive Director Brown explained why they were not in the January Minutes and stated that they will be in February's Board Minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson made a small correction, also.

Board member Bonney moved to approve the minutes as amended. Past President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

2. Officer Elections

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to nominate Board member Blondin as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Past President Knight seconded. Motion passed. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to nominate Board member Peterson. Past President Knight seconded. Motion passed. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson and Past President Knight ran for the President's seat, two ballots were cast due to a double tie. By coin toss decision, Secretary/Treasurer Williamson won the President's seat.

3. Xerox Contract

Executive Director Brown gave a detailed update on the Xerox Contract including the monthly costs. A thorough board discussion followed. Board member Bonney moved to table the motion. Board member Knight seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Dinner

The Chamber Awards were announced at the Annual Dinner. Cornerstone Award was presented to the Kodiak Public Library Association, Member of the Year was awarded to Kodiak Island Housing Authority, Business of the Year was presented to Afognak Native Corporation, Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Amanda Sanford, and the President's Award was presented to Bob Brodie. Board member Bonney complimented the staff on the fantastic set up of the event. Board discussion and suggestions for next year's dinner followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Economic Development Contract discussion

Executive Director Brown gave a detailed description on the economic development position and contract. He also stated that the Chamber Executive board will meet with City and Borough members, in March, regarding this position. Intensive board discussion and suggestions followed.

2. Crab Festival Update, Midway

Community Relations Director Wood briefly informed the board that the merchandise for Crab Fest has been ordered. She stated that the Chamber has been allowed use of a piece of property on Near Island for a potential Crab Festival vendor.

3. Comfish Update

Executive Director Brown updated the board about Comfish 2014. He stated that he was able to acquire sponsorships, each day, for the airline tickets.

Board Comments

- Board member Knight mentioned the Business After Hours for the month of January was at his gym, Kodiak Athletic Club. He mentioned Alaska Airlines' Business After Hours for the month of February and complimented the staff on the Annual Dinner, as well.
 - Board member McLaughlin thanked the board for selecting him to serve on the Chamber board. He stated that Afognak Native Corporation is very appreciative of the award they received from the Chamber.
 - KICVB Rep. Starrett informed the board about Discover Kodiak's Business After Hours in March.
 - Board Member Bonney expressed her appreciation with the Annual Dinner's Casino Royale theme and décor. She stated that the fishing industry is in pollock season.
 - Vice President Peterson stated that he is representing the Alutiiq Museum. He expressed his appreciation to the board for electing him as Vice President.
 - Board member R. Kniazowski mentioned that the pollock season is keeping them busy. He stated that the school board had a legislative fly-in and discovered extra funds for the schools this year. Board member R. Kniazowski mentioned that there are 5 contractors interested in working on Pier 3 and bids will be closing at the beginning of March. He stated that the project will begin in May.
 - Secretary/Treasurer Blondin mentioned that home mortgage rates are low. She mentioned that Credit Union 1's Business After Hours is in April and their Credit Union Annual League will be in town during May.
 - President Williamson stated that there are plenty of homes on the real estate market right now.
 - Executive Director Brown mentioned that the Chamber has hired a temporary office assistant during the Chamber's busy months.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.