

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 29, 2013
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Deal	Board member Blondin
Vice President Vahl	Board member Bonney
Past President Knight	Board member Randolph
Board member R. Kniazowski	City Rep. A. Kniazowski
Board member Brodie	USCG Base Rep. Capt. Woloszynski

Excused

Borough Rep. Cassidy	Board member Powers
Secretary/Treasurer Williamson	KEA Rep Scott
KICVB Rep. Austerman	USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Rivera

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director	Laura Arboleda, Administrative Assistant
Summer Wood, Comm. Rel. Director	

CALL TO ORDER

- President Deal chaired the meeting at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Corrections/Additions

Past President Knight moved to approve agenda. Board member R. Kniazowski seconded. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. June 17, 2013 Board minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report
5. Economic Development Report

A small correction was made on the June 17, 2013 Board minutes by Vice President Vahl.

Past President Knight moved to approve the consent agenda. Board member R. Kniazowski seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. June Financial Statements

Executive Director Brown gave an update on the financial statements for June.

Board discussion followed regarding the Chamber Pull Tabs.

Past President Knight moved to approve the June Financial Statements.

Board member R. Kniazowski seconded. Motion Passed.

2. Letter Supporting Senator Stevens and Rep. Austerman's Proposal for additional M/V Kennicott service

Executive Director Brown informed the board about the letter.

Board questions and comments followed. Past President Knight moved to approve the Letter Supporting Senator Stevens and Rep. Austerman's Proposal for additional M/V Kennicott service as amended. Board member Randolph seconded. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Website Update

Executive Director Brown notified the board that the new Chamber website has been up for about a month.

2. KICVB's Request for Remodeling and Repainting

Executive Director Brown explained that the KICVB would like to get rid of the wood paneling upstairs and replace it with drywall. He also mentioned that they will be repainting.

Board approved request for remodel.

BOARD COMMENTS

- USCG Base Rep. Capt. Woloszynski stated that the past 3½ weeks have been transfer season for Coast Guard families. He mentioned that the Tustumena has caused some delays. He also informed the board about the Welcome Aboard event that will be occurring on August 8th for new Coast Guard transferees.
- Board Member Randolph mentioned that the Coast Guard transfer season has kept them busy at State Farm insuring families.
- Board Member Blondin stated that they have been busy at the bank as well refinancing loans and creating new accounts.
- Past President Knight informed the board that Vizhunz had a successful Business After Hours last Friday despite other events that were happening that evening. He also mentioned that the gym hasn't been too busy due to the good weather, but he will be expecting a full gym before school starts.
- Board Member Bonney pointed out that the fish hatcheries are behind due to the lack of rain which is a big component of the salmon run they're expecting.
- Vice President Vahl mentioned that a lot of projects are ahead of schedule in the town despite some transportation delays due to the Tustumena. He mentioned that they made adjustments to some of the residential dump sites in an effort to consolidate and reduce litter and improve bear issues. He stated they also installed permanent roll off containers in larger sites and will work with Threshold in hopes of adding recycling services which will be beneficial for the future. He mentioned that Alaska Waste and Fish and Game will be doing outreach on Kodiak Brown Bear days in September. Lastly, he stated that the Planning and Zoning commission are going through the review of the code revision and rewrite which he encourages the board to evaluate from a business stand point.
- City Rep. A. Kniazowski stated that substantial completion of the new library will be seen at the end of September. She mentioned that they are continuing to work on getting the design project moving for Pier 3. She informed the board that work on Pier 1 has been under discussion as they try to come up with a reasonable memorandum of agreement. She stated that they are working on the composting project as well. City Rep. A. Kniazowski mentioned that Mayor Branson is working on a downtown revitalization and was also nominated and selected by the Rasmussen foundation to attend a high end community planning workshop in Aspen. Lastly, she mentioned that Relay for Life was a very successful event.

- Board Member R. Kniazowski stated that the new high school project has been moving along very well.
- Board Member Brodie mentioned that the real estate industry has been slow during the month of July. He did state that sales have been doing well however.
- President Deal thanked the chamber staff for the successful Business After Hours and thanked Past President Knight for speaking on Friday. He stated that mortgage rates are beginning to rise and that loan deposits are continuing to grow.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.