

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2012
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Knight

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson

Board member Brodie

Board member A. Kniaziowski

Board member Durham

Past President Whiddon

Board member R. Kniaziowski

KICVB Rep. Buckingham

USCG ISC Rep. Capt. Moore

Excused

Board member Powers

USCG Air Station Commander Deal

Board member Sockwell

KEA Rep Scott

Vice President Deal

Board member Johnson

KIB Rep. Gifford

Board member Friend

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director

Lindsey Howell, Comm. Rel. Director

Lale Gurer, Economic Development Specialist

Laura Arboleda, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

- President Knight 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

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to approve agenda. Board member Durham seconded. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. May 2012 Board minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report
5. Economic Development Report

Board member R. Kniaziowski moved to approve agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. May 2012 Financial Statements

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson gave a brief update on the May 2012 Financial Statements.

- Board member Durham moved to approve the May 2012 Financial Statements. Board member R. Kniaziowski seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Lunar Cow Contract for Website**

- KICVB Rep. Buckingham gave a brief description on Lunar Cow. She also mentioned that they are great to work with. Executive Director Brown mentioned that the Comfish website will be linked to the new Chamber website and the Crab Festival link will be expanded as well. Board member R. Kniaziowski moved to approve the Lunar Cow Contract for Website. Board member Brodie seconded. Motion Passed.

3. **Janitorial Contract**

- Board discussion about contracts occurred. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson proposed that the board wait for the last RFP to be turned in and let the Executive Board make the final decision. Board member Brodie moved to approve the proposal. Past President Whiddon seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Crabfest Update**

Community Relations Director Howell stated that everything went well for the Crab Festival 2012. We were up on vendor booths this year.

- Board discussion regarding issues about the ferry schedule followed. Community Relations Director Howell also mentioned that Golden Wheel suggested that the community reach out to the media regarding the ferry schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Book Update**

Community Relations Director Howell stated that books are on their way and will be out by mid-July.

2. **State Chamber Rural Outreach**

The State Chamber Rural Outreach will be held on July 10th and 11th.

BOARD COMMENTS

- USCG ISC Rep. Capt. Moore mentioned that he will be transferring on July 14th. He thanked the board and stated that he appreciated the closeness between the Coast Guard and the Kodiak Community.
- Board member Brodie thanked Capt. Moore for being on the board and stated that he will be missed. He mentioned that real estate has lots of listings and the interest rate is still at 3.5%. He also stated that the redistricting will go through.
- Board member R. Kniaziowski mentioned that he just came back from finalizing the statewide union contract after 8 weeks.
- Board Member A. Kniaziowski stated that the sales tax increase proposal passed. She mentioned that they will be having a joint work session with the assembly where they will be discussing the fisheries working group. She also mentioned that the council will

adopt the FY13 budget. She stated that they will be busy with the Baranof Park project; Phase 1 and Phase 2 have to be done by fall, and the library project is also underway.

- Board member Durham returned from his trip to North Dakota and Canada and claimed he had a great time. He also mentioned that they met with 4 different tribal organizations during the trip. He stated that he will be leaving again on the 29th of June.
- Secretary/Treasurer Williamson stated that the board of realtors will be at the joint work session making an effort to open up more land for development. She announced that she had a great time at the Crabfest booth and encourages everyone to volunteer at the booth next year.
- Past President Whiddon thanked Capt. Moore for his services and mentioned that he will be missed. Past President Whiddon also commented on the sales tax increase and described how the city came about this decision.
- KICVB Rep. Buckingham reports that tourism in Kodiak for May and June are slow, but will be picking up in July and August. She also stated that they hired a new employee who speaks German, Spanish, and some French. She added that they are a third of the way through the season and there are only three ships booked for next year. She also mentioned that she met with the cruise line in Anchorage and that she's continuing to reach out to the Princess and Holland cruise ships to see if they plan on coming back to Kodiak over the next 5 years.
- President Knight stated that he brought 5 power lifters to state and they came back with 20 medals. He commented that they did a great job and mentioned that he went out to the valley to MC and guest pose at the body show.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.