

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce July 31, 2006 – Forest Lake Restaurant

Present: Jim Millis, Karen Lindgren, Rick Utech, Roger Hoyum, Peggy Schagh, Sholom Blake, Cindy Feyder, Shannon Benolken, Linda Gibeau, Judy Nesvold, Kent Koerbitz, Mike Iaizzo, Mike Birkeland

Absent: Dale Anderson, Chris Lynch, Mike Czeck, Jake Goering, Margie Ritter, Tom Osborn, Michelle Rossi

Chamber staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson

Jim Millis, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the June 26, 2006 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shannon Benolken made a motion to approve the June 26, 2006 minutes. Cindy Feyder seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

FINANCIALS

Bud Stone informed the board members that members who have not paid their dues by the end of August will be dropped. Bud also informed the board that Kerry Larsen has been calling the outstanding members.

Rick Utech made a motion to accept the June financials. Cindy Feyder seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bud Stone read the bylaws regarding the nominating committee. Based on the those guidelines, the following people were chosen to be on the nominating committee:

- Jim Millis
- Karen Lindgren
- Cindy Fedyer
- Tom Osborn
- Shannon Benolken

ACTION: Jim Millis will set up a nominating committee meeting and inform the other committee members when and where that meeting will be.

ARLINGTON DELEGATION OUTCOMES UPDATE

Bud provided the board members with a handout detailing an upcoming Workforce Development forum being held October 15-17, 2006.

Bud explained that part of the forum includes a "Workforce Development Round Two" meeting on October 15, 2006. Bud encouraged the board members to attend this meeting if possible. The Chamber staff, Itasca Economic Development and the Arlington Delegation are all invited to this meeting. The topic will be "Resources and Tools for the Next Step."

Bud also explained that the Chamber and Itasca Community College are partnering to apply for a Federal Workforce Development Grant.

Bud informed the board that Itasca County Commissioner Rusty Eichorn has requested that the Chamber make a presentation to the County Board regarding the WFD initiative.

ACTION: Board members should mark their calendar to attend the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2006 at the Sawmill.

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT

Bud informed the board that he has been invited to sit on the Governors Workforce Development Council Systems Excellence Subcommittee and that DEED has suggested that he apply for a seat on the regional Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Bud asked for a motion from the board to support both of these positions.

Shannon Benolken made a motion to allow Bud to accept the GWDC position and pursue the WIB appointment. Cindy Feyder seconded the motion.

Kent Koerbitz asked, "Will there be any additional expenses incurred that are not included in the Chamber budget and will the time commitment interfere with Bud's current duties."

Bud replied that the cost should be minimal and it appears at this time that he will be able to work it into his schedule.

Motion Carries.

ACTION: Bud will accept the GWDC position and apply for a position on WIB.

CITY ELECTIONS

Jim Millis informed the board that the Government Affairs committee recommended that the Chamber board take a position to keep the City Elections on odd years.

Board discussion took place. The board recommended that the Government Affairs committee come up with talking points that address issues to support odd year elections; such as cost.

Kent Koerbitz made a motion support odd year elections in the form of a resolution. Sholom Blake seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: Bud will draft a resolution of support and forward it out to the board for review.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 2006 at the Forest Lake Restaurant upstairs meeting room.

Cindy Feyder made a motion to adjourn. Karen Lindgren seconded the motion; motion carries. Meeting adjourned.