

MINUTES
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
February 19, 2010

Committee Members Present: Jeff Tillman, Paula Frings, Margie Ritter, Derek Stanley, Marla Beaty, Frank Allen, Susan Harper, Irene Koski, Mary Ives, Mike Ives, Mike Youso, Leigh Lonson

Advisory members present:

Guests: Dan Jinks, Dave Calliguri

Chamber Staff: Renee Thompson, Administrative Assistant and Finance Coordinator; Bud Stone, President.

Jake called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2010 meeting minutes.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank made a motion to approve the February 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Margie seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 318 UNION CONTRACT

The committee invited Union Reps. Dan Jinks and Dave Calliguri to the meeting to discuss the current union contract issue.

Dan and Dave explained the way teachers are paid in School District 318, what they are asking for to settle their union contract and why.

The committee then asked Dan and Dave a series of questions, which eventually lead to suggestions regarding “performance based pay”.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

MEMBER UPDATES

Margie reported that the City of LaPrairie is engaged in discussions about forming ways to “survive” with the loss of Local Government Aide.

Mike Ives reported that he attended the IRR meeting yesterday. The Echo Industrial Park received the IRR grant they applied for; however, not the full amount applied for.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

The next scheduled meeting is on February 26, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. There will be a MN State Chamber Conference call.

Meeting adjourned.