

Government Affairs
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
May 13, 2011

Chamber Members Present: Terry Snyder, Margie Ritter, Tammy Jensen

Advisory Members Present:

Chamber Staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson

Bud called the meeting to order.

MINNESOTA CHAMBER CONFERENCE CALL

The committee participated in a legislative conference call with the Minnesota Chamber.

Updates were heard regarding the Education Bills, Energy Bills, Health & Human Services Bills, Transportation Bills and the Sulfate Bills that the committee monitors.

ACTION: The next MN Chamber conference call will be on Friday, May 20, 2011.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bud asked for a motion to approve the May 6, 2011 meeting minutes.

Terry made a motion to approve the May 6, 2011 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Margie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

MEMBER UPDATES

Bud told the committee that he received a call from Tony Ward. Tony informed Bud that the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission has made some changes to their utility deposit requirements for new businesses.

They are still requiring a two month deposit. However, the requirement may be waived based on an established credit history. If all invoices are paid on time, 50 % of the deposit will be refunded after 2 years with the remaining deposit refunded after 4 years.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

CONFERENCE CALL WITH REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN MCELFRICK

Representative McElfrick phoned in for a conference call with the committee.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

CONFERENCE CALL WITH SENATOR SAXHAUG

Senator Saxhaug phoned in for a conference call with the committee.

Senator Saxhaug went over the bills that are of interest to the committee in detail.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on May 20, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

There will be a MN Chamber conference call.

Terry made a motion to adjourn. Margie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Renee Thompson, Administrative Assistant and Finance Coordinator.