

Minutes
December 14, 2011 Board Meeting
Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce
Civic Center Public Conference Room
12:00 Noon

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Pistorosi at 12:15 p.m. Present were Treasurer Bump, Past President Moss, and Directors Christoffersen, Fall, Flanagan, and Harrell. Absent were: Vice President Jones, Directors Brock, Jones, and Rose.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Ratify Minutes and Attendance of November 9, 2011, Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion was made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Christoffersen to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. No discussion, motion passed.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 California High Speed Rail offer to facilitate meeting on draft Merced-Fresno corridor alignment

4.2 *The Savvy Life* offer to speak at Chamber meeting

4.3 Darin M. Camarena Health Centers letter regarding consideration of opposition of Horisons' FQHC application. **No action taken on letter.**

4.4 *Keep Indian Gaming on Indian Lands* letter.

President Pistorosi instructed Manager Flanagan to respond requesting more information regarding the request.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 City Update:

None.

5.2 Administrative Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bump reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Motion was made by Director Christoffersen, seconded by Director Harrell, to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Manager's Report:

Manager Flanagan reported there were no new members since last meeting. Manager Flanagan noted that she would be attended in the CCCA Meeting in Turlock on 12/15 in preparation for the Sacramento Luncheon with the State Legislators from the Central Valley. Manager Flanagan inquired if any Director wished to attend with her at no cost. No one expressed ability to attend so only Manager Flanagan will represent the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce.

5.3 Committee Reports

Christmas Decoration Judging Contest:

Manager Flanagan announced that the Chamber would host their annual decoration judging and requested volunteers to help judge in addition to Director Ryan who has emailed his interest. Directors Flanagan and Harrell said they would be available. The group would depart the Chamber office at 6pm on 12/19; following the judging there would be refreshments at the Chamber office.

November Workshop (PG&E):

Director Christoffersen noted that the PG&E presentation was very good but the workshop was not very well attended. Lots of good information was given regarding the 2013 Time of Use Rates for all businesses and residents.

Nominating Committee Report:

Treasurer Bump reported that the three incumbents were re-elected. They are Larry Pistoresi, Sr., Jan Harrell, and Dan Flanagan

Awards & Installation Dinner Committee Report:

Director Harrell gave the list of award winners and that the congratulations letters had been mailed. Director Harrell requested volunteers for the set up and decorating on Saturday, 1/14 at 9 a.m. Director Christoffersen advised she would assist. Director Harrell also noted that donations were needed for the Dessert Auction to be held prior to dinner the night of the event.

Ribbon Cutting – Horisons Unlimited:

Manager Flanagan reminded the Board that a ribbon cutting had been held at Horisons Unlimited in conjunction with their Open House on 12/12 and thanked everyone who attended.

Marissa from Horisons Unlimited requested to speak regarding their continued need for support from the community for their application for an FQHC status. She noted that even though the Chamber Board had voted to not send a formal support letter; any individual business member was encouraged to send in a support letter.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Acceptance of Vern Moss Resignation Letter:

Motion was made by President Pistoresi, seconded by Director Christoffersen, to accept the resignation of Past President Moss. Discussion followed; motion passed.

6.2 Appointment of Director to Fill Board Vacancy

President Pistoresi submitted the name of John Scurfield, Manager of Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, to fill the one year remaining of Vern Moss' term.

Motion was made by Past President Moss, seconded by Director Flanagan, to accept the recommendation. Following discussion; motion passed.

6.3 Cancellation of the January 11, 2012 Board Meeting and Date Set for the Strategic Planning Meeting on January 18, 2012.

Motion was made by Director Christoffersen, seconded by Director Harrell, to cancel the January 11, 2012, Board Meeting and combine it with the Strategic Planning Meeting on January 18, 2012.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Election of Board of Directors Officers for 2012

Manager Flanagan advised that the By-Laws require that an election of the 2012 Board of Directors

Officers be held at the December Meeting.

President Pistoresi called for nominations from the floor for the position of President. Nomination to elect Jan Harrell as President was received. **Motion was made by Treasurer Bump, seconded by Director Christoffersen, to close nominations. Vote was called. Jan Harrell was elected President for 2012.**

President Pistoresi called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice President. Nominations were for David Bump and Shirlie Jones. **Motion was made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Past President Moss, to close nominations. Vote was called. David Bump was elected Vice President for 2012.**

President Pistoresi called for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. Nominations were for Charley Fall and Shirlie Jones. **Motion was made by Director Christoffersen, seconded by Treasurer Bump, to close nominations. Vote was called. Charley Fall was elected Vice President for 2012.**

7.2 Appointment of Valentines Wine Express Committee

President Pistoresi appointed Jan Harrell, Shirlie Jones, Dan Flanagan, with assistance of Vern Moss as Committee Members.

7.3 Memorandum of Checking & Savings Account Signatories:

Manager Flanagan noted that following the election of new officers, Bank Signatories needed to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Christoffersen, to retain the same Bank Signatories as those listed at Bank of American and Tri Counties Bank for 2011. Following discussion, the motion passed.

7.4 Parliamentary Director Position to Chamber Board:

Director Fall commented that additional information was needed on how this director position would be properly outlined in the By-Law to present conflict with other Chamber By-Laws.

President Pistoresi appointed newly elected Fall and Manager Flanagan to research with other Chambers who have a Parliamentary position and report back to the Board.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Central California Chamber Alliance Meeting, Turlock, 12:00p – Manager attending

8.2 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed 12/23 & 26

8.3 City Council Meeting. 12/27, 7p—Manager Flanagan noted this council meeting had been canceled.

8.4 Manager Personal Holiday – Office Closed 12/30

8.5 New Years Holiday – Office Closed 1/2/12

8.6 Award & Installation Dinner, Little Theater, 1/14/12, 6p

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Pistoresi asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Past President Moss, seconded by Director Flanagan, was made to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Jacki Flanagan, Manager
Board Secretary