

MINUTES
WINKLER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, September 28, 2010, 12:10 p.m.
Smitty's Family Restaurant

PRESENT: Mark Bennett, Brenda Storey, Ken Thomas, Herb Franz, Eugen Klassen, Greg Archibald, Chris Sumner, Vern Reimer, Pete Froese, Isabel Bright, Dianne Friesen

A. MINUTES OF June 15, 2010 Meeting (as circulated)

M/S...Mark Bennett/Ken Thomas...that the minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS:

i) All Candidates Forum

- Forum for City of Winkler Council Candidates will be on Wednesday, October 20 at the P.W. Enns Concert Hall
- Date for Garden Valley School Division forum has not be determined.

ii) Small Business Week Luncheon

- Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 21 at the Heartland Inn
- Presenters are: Grandeur Housing Inc.; Janzen Paint & Decorating; and Winkler Flyers
- Sponsors are: Access Credit Union, CIBC, RBC Royal Bank and Scotiabank.
- Business partners that are not visible in the community have been invited to have display at luncheon with promotion material.

iii) Revised By-Laws

- Ken Thomas presented the proposed revised by-laws indicating the changes that have been made.

M/S...Ken Thomas/Herb Franz...that the revision to the Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce By-Laws dated September 28, 2010 be approved by the Board of Directors, submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and notification to the membership prior to the AGM in February, 2011 as amended September 28, 2010.

CARRIED

iv) Employee Handbook

- Personnel committee of the Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce reviewed and revised the employee handbook.
- Brenda presented the new handbook to the board indicating changes.
- Resources used were Legacy Bowes - an HR company, Eugen Klassen - HR employer and Manitoba Industry Workforce

M/S...Brenda Storey/Isabel Bright...that we accept the new Employee Handbook as distributed.

Yes – 8

Abstained – 1

CARRIED

v) Executive Director Report – Brenda Storey

- Currently are beginning with the next phase of BR+E surveys.
- George Penner has been hired to do the survey interviews.
- Top 5 recommendations will be looked at.
- Red River College is offering an Industrial Maintenance Electrician course.
- Apprenticeship Branch is sending 3 Apprenticeship Training Coordinators to Winkler to meet one on one with potential apprentices.
- Women in Business breakfasts have been well attended and feedback is positive.
- Currently membership is at 361 which is 104% of the budget.

C. CHAMBER REPORTS:

- None

D. OTHER:

- None

E. NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2010

F. ADJOURNMENT: 12:55 pm