

# MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

January 21, 2009  
Noon  
May Farms

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Chamber President, Gary Duke.

The following Board Members were present:

Sheila Cooper	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
John Knight	Tina Lewis	Luanne Lown
Becky Mogensen	Chris Pastori	Lindsay Wheaton
Jenna Workman		

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb
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Guests attending were:

Matt Reay	Town of Bennett
Wil Chase	Byers General Store
Julie Grey	Bennett Parks and Rec District
Douglas Claussen	I-70 Scout
Dolores Tippett	Byers Community Association
Tracy Perez	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Kim Dennison	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Lisa Keith	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Steven Vetter	I-70 Scout
Jack Keever	REAP
Beverly Trujillo	Play for the Prairie
Frank Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Patty Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Caroline Nordyke	Look East Realty
Ivy Fischer	Valley Bank and Trust

Board Secretary, Luanne Lown, took Minutes. A quorum was present.

## **Hearing of Interested Parties:**

The Minutes of the December 16, 2008 chamber Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Jenna Workman and seconded by Chris Deverell approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

## **Secretary's Report.**

### **NEW MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **Watchdog Drug Testing**

A motion was made by Patty Doyle and seconded by John Knight to accept the January new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report—Sheila Cooper.** A motion was made by Patty Doyle and seconded by Chris Pastori to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

## **Board of Directors Report**

Gary Duke reported that the Board met on January 12, 2009 and discussed the budget, upcoming summer events and the need for a draw to the Business Expo. A 32" LCD flat screen TV will be given away at the Expo this year.

## **New Business:**

1. Budget – The Board did vote to approve the budget as presented for the general membership. A motion was made by Frank Doyle and seconded by Wil Chase to approve the budget as presented. The motion was carried by voice vote.
2. Scout Advertising – Doug Claussen presented his proposal for increasing the dues and the advertising deal he is willing to offer. The board will take it under advisement and look over the proposal. Doug Claussen also stated he wants a calendar of events. Luanne Lown will send him what she has.
3. Bennett Harvest Festival Update – Julie Grey, Bennett Parks and Rec District, shared the tentative schedule she has worked up for Easter weekend and the Bennett Harvest Festival. She would like to have volunteers to plan the events and also sponsors.

## **Announcements:**

Jack Keever, of REAP, shared the new brochures with everyone and invited them to attend the upcoming REAP meeting on February 12, 2009 at May Farms. The public input is needed for the new comprehensive plan that is starting.

## **Guest Speaker, Caroline Nordyke**

Caroline Nordyke of Look East Realty shared some of the numbers of recent home sales. She shared a very positive outlook for the Corridor overall.

## **Dates to remember:**

**January 27 – Small Business Development Center Seminar** at Antelope Hills Club House. Cost for the seminar will be \$15.00 which includes dinner. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**February 6- Chamber After Hours** at Bennett Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Join us for a light snack, and meet some of your local Bennett Home Based Business owners. See what types of products and services they have to offer. Sponsored by Christine's Candles, Comfort Guy, Inc., Exquisite Possibilities, Prairie Bookkeeping Service, Inc., and Two Knight Enterprises.

**February 12 – REAP meeting** at 11:45 a.m. at May Farms. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Preliminary plans for both Adams and Arapahoe Counties growth and development will be shown. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**February 14 – Valentines Day Treats, Roses and Photos** for sale at Antelope Hills Clubhouse from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and some special treats to make your special day! Proceeds to benefit the High Five Plains Foundation. For more information call Lindsay at 303-644-3332.

**February 18 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting** at noon at May Farms. Guest Speaker with be Jacque Smith of Adams County Social Services, looking for families wishing to foster and adopt children. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**February 26- Women for Rural Business Seminar** at May Farm 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**March 12 – REAP meeting** at 11:45 a.m. at Front Range Airport. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. The future plans for Watkins and surrounding area will be presented as well as an update on Front Range Airport. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**March 18 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting** at noon at May Farms. Guest Speaker will be Laura Franceshi of Primerica Financial Services. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**March 21 – Pie Baking Contest** in Bennett. More details will follow.

**March 24 – SBDC Seminar “Keeping your business alive in trying times”** at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

**April 9 – REAP meeting** at 11:45 a.m. at Valley Bank Conference Room. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. The future plans for Bennett, Strasburg and surrounding area will be presented. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**April 15 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting** at noon at May Farms. Guest Speaker will be from Arapahoe County Library District, showing ways they can help grow and expand your business. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**April 28 – SBDC Seminar “Library Programs to help grow your business”** at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

**May 26 – SBDC Seminar “Leadership skills”** at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at **12:00 on February 20, 2009 at May Farms.**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

#### ***Corridor Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement***

Our goal is to promote the planned growth and development of our communities by bringing together business and community leaders to work together for the common good. We wish to maintain and support the quality of life that makes Eastern Colorado such a special place. Our desire is to preserve and promote the competitive enterprise system that makes America great. We will strive to be the organization recognized as the focal point of the I-70 Corridor.