

West I-10 Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 100, Pattison, Texas 77466

Board of Directors Meeting

September 7, 2011 – 12:00 Noon

At

Igloo 1st Floor Conference Room

**Board of Directors: Greg Turner, Pat Doucette, Deborah Tallman,
Jim Vaughn, Michael Montgomery, Marla Van Overbeke, Rosemary Gambino**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Attendees: Greg Turner, Pat Doucette, Jim Vaughn, Rosemary Gambino, Deborah Tallman, and Committee Chairs: Paul McConnell, and Kathryn McAdams Wilson

Absent: Michael Montgomery, Marla Van Overbeke

A) Quorum recognized and the meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by Greg Turner. Rosemary Gambino provided invocation.

Action Items:

B) Motion was made by Jim Vaughn, second by Rosemary Gambino, to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2011, Board of Directors meeting . No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

C) After review and discussion of the financial statements, motion was made by Jim Vaughn, second by Deborah Tallman, to approve financial statements and bills to pay through August 31, 2011, (filed in 2010-2011 financial binder). Motion passed unanimously

D) Motion was made by Deborah Tallman, second by Jim Vaughn, to approve new membership applications of One 2 mini Ranch & Feed and Green Group Holdings, LLC. Motion passed unanimously

E) Motion was made by Jim Vaughn, second by Rosemary Gambino, to ratify vote to approve expenditure for TCCE Chamber Basics Conference attendance by Pat Doucette. Motion passed unanimously.

F) Motion was made by Rosemary Gambino, second by Deborah Tallman to approve Resolution, as presented by the Governmental Affairs Committee, to support Waller County's request to the City of Houston to release the ETJ of the city of Houston which lies within Waller County. Motion passed unanimously. ACTION: KATHRYN to retype with for Board of Directors to sign at October BOD meeting before sending to Judge Beckendorff. ACTION: Greg to ask Adam and Jason about other possible recipients.

Discussion Items:

G) Committee Reports

- 1) Education Committee (Robert and Julie Ormond) – No report was presented
- 2) Membership Directory (Marla Van Overbeke and Daphne Bottos) – Not present and nothing to report.
- 3) Programs (Pat Doucette & Rosemary Gambino) – Programs are set through March: September 13 at La Quinta, Election of directors and guest speaker Dan Byfield/American Stewards of Liberty; October 11,

Commissioner Stan Kitzman as guest speaker at Galileo's; November is the banquet; December 13, WC Judge Glenn Beckendorff and Representative John Zerwas; January 2012, State of the Chamber; February, Joe Garcia/Workforce Commission; March, possibly Deacon Jones with the Skeeters baseball team. Business mixer is being planned at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 5:30-7:30p.m.

- 4) Fundraising: (Pat Doucette) – Pat reported that Steve Pierson has a lot of energy and huge ideas for a fundraiser in the spring of 2011. Pat to get with Steve and solicit volunteers for the committee prior to deciding on event. Suggestion to designate Steve Pierson as the Committee Chairman.
- 5) Membership (Karl Skadowski). Not present and no report.
- 6) Government Affairs (Adam Traweek) – Next committee meeting to be September 21, 2011, 8:00 a.m. at the Cotton Gin. Speaker TBA. Committee is currently working a couple of resolutions to be considered.
- 7) Ambassadors (Stephen Alaniz). Not present and no report
- 8) Website (Paul McConnell) – Paul reported – Banner for banquet sponsors is up and running, as well as, the link to the chamber's Facebook page. Greg having trouble accessing the Board of Directors page. – Paul to check into providing link for accessing BOD meeting minutes on the website. ACTION: KATHRYN to create an event for banquet on Facebook page.
- 9) Public Relations & Advertising (Michael Montgomery) - Not present and no report.
- 10) Economic Development (Jon Strange) - Not present to report. Next EDC meeting is Wednesday, October, 2011. ACTION: Kathryn to follow up with Jon Strange for arrangements of next meeting.
- 11) Nominating Committee - (Anthony Francis): Adam Traweek will be running for Michael Montgomery's seat. Positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 (Michael Montgomery, Jim Vaughn, Rosemary Gambino, and Greg Turner, respectively) are up for reelection on September 13, 2011.
- 12) Annual Banquet (Roberta Meader) –November 12th –Thanks to all the sponsors, the ticket price will not change from previous year. With the title sponsor, venue, and speaker in place, we will concentrate for the next two months on banquet sponsors and PR. Next committee meeting: Monday, September 12th at noon. Encourage all sponsors sign up by September 15th.

H) Old Business:

- 1) Admin. Manager's Report (Kathryn): as below
- 2) Preparation for board elections on September 13 – Ballots have been printed
- 3) 2011 Christmas cards – Chamber to purchase cards from Texas Children's Hospital; the Merry Christmas Tree was the unanimous choice. ACTION: KATHRYN to order quantity of 125 at \$225 for cards imprinted with greetings for West I-10 Chamber and envelopes. ACTION: KATHRYN to check into cost for having chamber's return address pre-printed on envelopes. "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your friends at the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce" to be preprinted on inside of cards. (Pat motioned, Jim second. to approve card choice for purchase and greeting.)
- 4) Banquet title sponsor promotion –ACTION: KATHRYN to add new sponsors to Newsletter and send out new press release for Title Sponsor Texas Children's Hospital
- 5) Board & committee workshop by Art Roberts or Phyllis Snodgrass deferred to December of January – Today, Pat reported that Phyllis Snodgrass was retiring from TCCE/TAB and taking a position with a chamber of commerce in Austin. Greg to follow-up with her regarding her replacement.

I) New Business

- 1) Marla van Overbeke resignation: Marla has resigned (9/5/11) from the Board due to too many conflicts in her schedule. BOD her replacement at the October meeting with someone with energy and commitment and experience to serve out her term. ACTION: GREG to call interested parties (Bill Fry and Steve Pierson) to verify their willingness to serve on the board. NOTE: Bill Fry has said "Yes" and will be attending the October 5th BOD meeting.

2) Kathryn to bring to next meeting a sample pocket folder to use for welcoming packet and in the meantime find out the advertising rates for ad spaces on the folder.

J) Open discussion & other business:

1) Chamber asked to consider monetary donation relating to the current wildfires. West I-10 Chamber directors voted to make a total donation of \$250 with \$125 going to the Brookshire Volunteer Fire Department and \$125 going to the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department.

K) Closing

1) Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, October 5, at 12:00 noon.**

2) Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Kathryn McAdams Wilson
For/Rosemary Gambino, Secretary