

Henderson Area Chamber
August 28, 2024
Henderson Library Meeting Room

Members Present: Beth Cornish, Doug Thomas, Brenda Kotasek, Dana Melius, Mary Ann Pilling, Melissa Stevens, Keith Swenson.

Guests/prospective members: Peter Koch – Sibley County Commissioner

Call to Order: Beth Cornish at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve minutes as corrected (only one Main Street Boutique closing) made by Doug, seconded by Brenda, passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: none

Old Business:

Membership numbers: no update

1. 2024 ornament: The ornament will now be available for sale at \$23. According to Dee no one is pushing ornament sales.

2. Chamber table for roll-ins: Has anyone signed up recently besides Sue & Brenda?

3. Design Team Updates: No meetings this summer

New Business:

1. Memorial open house for Fred on Sept. 14 noon- 3

2. Evolution – 20th anniversary on Sept. 14 2-5 p.m.

3. Tommy Cramer will be at the River Bottom on Sept. 13 6-9 p.m. – silent auction, etc. for Friends of Jessenland

Projects/events/committee reports & Updates

Design Team Committee Updates:

1. **County** – Peter talked about the weather delays on the CR6 project. The county has been working on Police Union negotiations. Koch said that one position is open due to a promotion and there will be one from a retirement at year end. His opinion is that the city of Gaylord should combine with County for coverage.

2. **City** – Keith continues to work with the Federal government on funding for work from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps will continue their research on why the high-water mark between St. Peter and Blakeley was so high. Hilltop project is wrapping up.

3. **School Board** – none

4. **Regional Trail** – Doug reports it is being built along with the roadway and looks really wide; continuing to seek funding for a bridge over High Island Creek. He applied for a SMIF Small Town grant – need funding for signage. He also reported that work is progressing on CR⁶ but most days it is like driving through an obstacle course.

5. **Hummingbird Center** – The deck is mostly done and the view is amazing; Boehne's excavating for handicap access to lower level and a small patio on the lower level. Hurrah reported over 300 people signed the guest book.

6. **Marketing committee:** Jeff is trying to schedule a meeting - we need to get this going over the winter so we can hit the ground running in the spring; one Main Street boutiques is closing to do mobile.

7. **Henderson Community Foundation** – group will meet in September to choose recipients.

8. **Grant opportunities** – Various groups have submitted grant requests for SMIF Small Town Grants.

Community Calendar: 9/22 – Community Worship service; 9/28 – Ney Fall Festival; Ladies Night Out – 11/1; Small Business Saturday 11/30

Next Meeting: September 25, 2024 at noon.

Motion to adjourn by Beth, seconded by Brenda – unanimous vote: 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cornish, Secretary