

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday September 17, 2012
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Knight	Board member R. Kniaziowski
Vice President Deal	Board member Brodie
Past President Whiddon	Board member Sockwell
USCG ISC Rep. Capt. Woloszynski	Board member Powers
KICVB Rep. Buckingham	

Excused

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson	Board member A. Kniaziowski
USCG Air Station Commander Rivera	Board member Johnson
KEA Rep Scott	Board member Durham

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director	Joe Bailor, Economic Development Specialist
Summer Wood, Comm. Rel. Director	Laura Arboleda, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

- President Knight chaired the meeting at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Corrections/Additions

Vice President Deal moved to approve agenda. Past President Whiddon seconded. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. August 2012 Board minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report
5. Economic Development Report

Vice President Deal moved to approve agenda. Past President Whiddon seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Appointment

Board discussed open seat. Executive Director Brown gave a brief description on both nominees. Board member Brodie moved to nominate Cheryl Blondin. Past President Whiddon moved to nominate Rick Vahl. Board voted for Rick Vahl to take the open seat (4-2).

Vice President Deal moved to appoint Rick Vahl as the new board member. Past President Whiddon seconded. Motion Passed.

2. **Letter of Support for Representative Don Young**

Executive Director Brown gave a brief explanation of the letter.
Board discussion followed with an agreement to stay neutral.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Book Update**

Executive Director Brown gave a brief update on the Kodiak Book sales.
Board comments followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner October 6th Update**

Executive Director Brown and Community Relations Director Wood gave a brief update on the Coast Guard Appreciation preparation.

2. **Candidates' Debate September 26th Update**

Executive Director Brown briefly updated the board about the Candidates' Debate.

BOARD COMMENTS

- KICVB Representative Buckingham stated the cruise ship season ended without the last cruise ship coming into town due to weather. She stated that Kodiak had 13 cruise ships this year, and anticipates only 3 cruise ships for next year. She also mentioned that the Visitor's Bureau had a successful year.
- Board member R. Kniazowski mentioned that they have been busy this year.
- Past President Whiddon stated that improvements for Shelikof St. will be taking place. He mentioned that the city is expecting the Geo Bond to go through to help with Pier 3. He also mentioned that due to lack of information the city will not deal with the tax cap. Additionally, Past President Whiddon stated that the city will be launching a joint composting project with Leisnoi. Lastly, he mentioned that the Pollock season is going well and Cod season has opened as well.
- Vice President Deal welcomed new Economic Development Specialist Joe Bailor. He also mentioned that the bank was very busy and loan growth is phenomenal in the fisheries industry.
- Board member Sockwell stated that the wind turbine project has finished. He also mentioned that the runway project has ended and planes are back on the main runway. Furthermore, he stated that construction of the Afognak building has started.
- Board member Brodie mentioned that properties priced less than \$300,000 have been selling. He also mentioned that there will be a third real estate company in town owned by Paula Laird.
- USCG ISC Rep. Capt. Woloszynski confirmed that they have wrapped up their summer transfer season and reached their maximum occupancy for housing. However, they are continuing to look

for rental properties for some coast guard families. He also stated that they will continue to be present in the arctic coast for security and safety purposes.

- Board member Powers mentioned the native owned lands in the community. He also mentioned that Koniag is in the process of developing a Granite Cove Quarry which they will be constructing next spring. They also have a conservation agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Alaska up for renewal. He stated that they successfully launched their Brown Bear Center on August 1st.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.