

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday October 22, 2012
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Knight

Vice President Deal

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson

Past President Whiddon

Board member Brodie

Board member Johnson

Board member A. Kniaziowski

Board member R. Kniaziowski

Board member Vahl

KEA Rep Scott

Excused

Board member Durham

Board member Powers

Board member Sockwell

KICVB Rep. Buckingham

USCG ISC Rep. Capt. Woloszynski

USCG Air Station Commander Rivera

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director

Summer Wood, Comm. Rel. Director

Joe Bailor, Economic Development Specialist

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 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Corrections/Additions

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to approve agenda. Past President Whiddon seconded. Motion Passed.

Presentation by Alaska Trails Network—Tsunami Debris

CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 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. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. New Board Members – Oath of Office

- President Knight swore in the newly elected board member, Rick Vahl.

2. **July, August, and September Financial Statements**

- Executive Director Brown gave a brief description about the July, August, and September Financials.
 - Board discussion followed.
- Vice President Deal moved to approve agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

3. **Resolution 2012-10 – Appoint Ex. Dir. Brown as Registered Agent with the State**

- Executive Director Brown gave a brief explanation.
- Vice President Deal moved to approve agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Williamson seconded. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Executive Director Brown gave a brief statement about the Coast Guard Appreciation dinner. Board discussion followed with suggestions for next year's dinner.

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

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

3. **Follow up on New Business Spreadsheet**

Economic Development Specialist Bailor informed the board about the New Business Spreadsheet. He also stated plans he has for business networking among our local businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Comfish Update**

Executive Director Brown mentioned that he has been receiving calls regarding Comfish booth rentals.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Board member A. Kniazowski stated that a general obligation bond will be on the ballot this November. She emphasized that it is critical that our voters support the Pier 3 project. She requested that the Chamber write a letter of support regarding Pier 3 and the need to pass the general obligation bond.
- Secretary/Treasurer Williamson mentioned that the new realtor firm in town is called Re/Max Kodiak. She also mentioned that the show, *Destination America*, will be airing an episode on Kodiak.
- Board member Johnson mentioned that the Coast Guard Appreciation dinner went well.
- Board member Brodie stated that the real estate market has slowed in recent weeks. He also mentioned that there are currently no rentals available.

- Vice President Deal mentioned that the bank is still very busy due to the fishing industry. He also stated that Wells Fargo has a new state president.
- Board member R. Kniazowski mentioned that business has slowed down. He also mentioned that they're currently undertaking many renovations.
- Past President Whiddon stated that area 620 pollock opens on October 24. He also mentioned that Sand Point has come into play with gulf rationalization. He stated that Cod season closes on Nov. 1. He encourages the Chamber to write a letter to the editor concerning the importance of Pier 3 to the community of Kodiak. He mentioned that the Shelikof Street Project was awarded to Brechan and will take \$1.7 million to complete. Lastly, he updated the board about the public/private partnership with Peter Olsen and his company pertaining to the composting project.
- KEA Rep Scott mentioned that the 3 new wind turbines are up and fully operational. He stated that the wind turbines should be at maximum capacity by mid-November. He also mentioned that they are continuing work on the Terror Lake Project.
- Board member Vahl thanked the board for their warm welcome. He stated that Alaska Waste is working with other businesses about the bear issue in town. He informed the board that they are currently experimenting with ammonia as a deterrent to bears. He mentioned that they are currently going through a corporate transition. Board member Vahl stated that he enjoyed being the MC for the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner. He also stated that the Women's Show will be hosted by his wife, Melody Vahl, which will take place on November 3rd at the Convention Center.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.