

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2013
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President Knight	Board member Bonney
Vice President Deal	Board member Randolph
Secretary/Treasurer Williamson	Board member Blondin
Past President Whiddon	Board member A. Kniazowski
Board member Brodie	Board member Cassidy
Board member Powers	USCG Base Rep. Capt. Woloszynski
Board member R. Kniazowski	KICVB Rep. Buckingham
Board member Vahl	

Excused

KEA Rep Scott	USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Rivera
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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 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Corrections/Additions

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to approve agenda. Board member R. Kniazowski seconded. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 2013 Board minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report
5. Economic Development Report

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to approve the consent agenda. Board member R. Kniazowski seconded. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Oath of New Board Members

President Knight swore in the newly elected board members, Tyler Randolph, Julie Bonney, and Cheryl Blondin.

2. Board Officers Election

Past President Whiddon proposed a slate of Board Nominations consisting of Greg Deal as President, Rick Vahl as Vice President, and Darlene Williamson as Secretary/Treasurer.

The proposed slate was passed by the board. Vice President Deal was seated as new board President.

3. **Board Attendance Contract**

Executive Director Brown briefly described the Board Attendance Contract and asked each board member to sign the contract.

4. **Resolution 2013-01 – Replacement of the M/V Tustumena**

Executive Director Brown presented Resolution 2013-01– Replacement of the M/V Tustumena. Board discussion followed and minor word changes were made.

Secretary/Treasurer Williamson moved to approve the Resolution 2013-01– Replacement of the M/V Tustumena. Past President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Annual Dinner**

Executive Director Brown reported on the Chamber “Mardi Gras on the Rock” Annual Dinner. Board Discussion followed with ideas and suggestions for next year’s dinner.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Crab Fest Update**

Executive Director Brown updated the board about the latest happenings with the Crab Fest. Board comments followed.

2. **Comfish Update**

Executive Director Brown gave an update about Comfish and stated that booths are sold out. Board continued with further comments and suggestions.

3. **Chamber Board Meeting**

The board decided to have the regular March board meeting on March 18th.

4. **Saturday Market**

Economic Development Specialist Bailor gave a brief description about the Saturday Market and presented a packet of information for the board to approve.

Board discussion followed.

Board member Brodie moved to approve the Saturday Market with condition to coordinate with Bear Town Market. Board member Randolph seconded. Motion Passed.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Board member Bonney mentioned that they will be seeing pollock fisheries open on March 10 valued at \$9 million. She also mentioned that KEA’s diesel generators will be running full time due to the race for fish.
- Board member Brodie welcomed the new board members. He mentioned that they are starting to receive calls from Coast Guard families as transfer season comes close. He also mentioned that there are currently 20 houses on the market and interest rates are still low. Board member Brodie stated that there will be a lot of pressure on rentals with construction workers coming up here to work.
- Board member Vahl mentioned that he is involved with Kodiak Unified Bear Subcommittee where they are working on some objectives for the bear management program and making sure it is aligned with current standards in Kodiak. He also stated that he is on the Solid Waste Advisory Board. He described that it has been difficult to get a quorum to discuss transfer stations and how to keep things clean. Lastly, he stated that Alaska Waste has had zero injuries in the last year.

- Board member A. Kniazowski mentioned they're getting ready to go to Juneau for the Annual Lobbying Legislative Fly-In. She stated the library is coming along very well and the building should be enclosed within a short period of time. She also stated they are looking at a tentative completion date around September with move in by October. She mentioned they are starting preliminary work on Pier 3. Lastly, Board Member A. Kniazowski stated that they are working on bio-solid issue and a composting facility at the landfill.
- Board member R. Kniazowski indicated that they are currently looking for a new crane for Pier 3.
- Secretary/Treasurer Williamson mentioned that the Coast Guard Housing Officer attended a KBR meeting and stated that the Coast Guard mandates 95-98% occupancy on Base. She also suggested that everyone look at that the Kodiak Economic Housing Survey.
- Board member Blondin mentioned that they will be having their Business After Hours at their Credit Union 1 branch on April 18th. They will be holding a silent auction and all proceeds will go to the Lion's Club Leos.
- Board member Randolph mentioned that State Farm works closely with the housing market and community banks. He stated that price changes per square foot on houses are really impacting the Kodiak community and suggested that the Chamber act upon this issue to combat the rise of prices.
- USCG Base Rep. Capt. Woloszynski mentioned that housing requirements have stayed at the same ratio. He also mentioned that the Nimitz area is viable for building more houses. He stated that the sequester will affect their budget.
- Board member Cassidy stated that the high school construction bids will be opened in two days. He mentioned that the long-term care facility will start construction soon. He also mentioned that landfill expansion will be starting. Furthermore, Board member Cassidy discussed the Borough Budget briefly.
- Past President Knight congratulated new President, Greg Deal, and welcomed new board members. He also mentioned that it's been an honor to be the President of the Chamber. Lastly, he congratulated the Lion's Club on a successful Business After Hour.
- KICVB Rep. Buckingham mentioned the Holland America cruise line will be coming on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in 2014. She also stated that tourism funding will continue at the same level as last year.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.