

**Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
February 4, 2015**

Board Members present: Barry Winters, Barrett Business Services; Michele Hampton, Banner Bank; Kyle Daniels, Clean Cut Landscaping; Jayson Wartnik, Hough, MacAdam, Wartnik, Fisher & Gorman; Deena Gisholt, Oregon Pacific Bank; Beth Gipson, Farmers Insurance/Gipson Agency; Jessica Engelke, Southwestern Oregon Community College; Rick Skinner, Knife River Materials; Mark Wall, Roseburg Resources; Deborah Rudd, South Slough Reserve Tim Huntley, Knife River Materials; Tom Burdett, BnT Promotional Products; Michael Hinrichs, Jordan Cove Energy Project; Pam de Jong, Edward Jones Investments.

Community at Large Directors; Theresa Cook, South Coast Regional Airport; Theresa Haga, CCD Business Development; Connie Stopher, SCDC.

Ex-Officio Board Members present: Dawn Granger, Coos Bay School Dist; Rodger Craddock, City of Coos Bay; Terence O'Connor, City of North Bend.

Others present: Pam Cottrell, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Heidi Proett, Oregon Pacific Bank; Meggan Dauge, SOCC Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Rick Skinner called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Introductions were made around the table.

January Board minutes were approved.

President Report

Rick reports: Great event last Saturday at the Awards Banquet. Awards were given to Citizen of the Year – Dick Leshley; Member of the Year-Jayson Wartnik; Business of the Year-NW Natural; Ambassador of the Year – Jessica Chavez; Presidents Award – Michele Hampton; Educator of the Year – Catherine Hampton; and this year we honored Joanne Verger, Bill Lansing and John Whitty with Citizen of the Year –Legacy Impact, for the work they did on the Community Fund. Community Awards were given to 3A Basketball Tournament; BACAPA and South Coast Family Harbor (SCFH). Travis Cooper videotaped the evening's event. I will see if we can get a copy to share.

Important event coming up is February 12th at SOCC in the Hale Center at 6PM. This is an informational meeting to explain the EFSC process on the South Dunes Power Plant application and site certificate review. The Oregon Department of Energy provides the staff for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), which will ultimately rule on whether or not to allow construction of the power plant that will provide the necessary power for the Jordan Cove natural gas liquefaction terminal. This is an informational meeting to explain the EFSC process and the project. This meeting will include a project briefing by Jordan Cove's development team to explain the power plant. Rick asked the board to rally the troops and show our community support for this project.

The Directory Distribution was scheduled for February 12th. Because it would be difficult to have a strong showing at each event, the directory distribution and Meet and Greet have been rescheduled to February 19th.

A Director Commitment letter has been sent to each of you to review and sign. This letter is meant to inform you of the Chamber by-laws and reaffirmation of your duties and commitment as a Chamber Director.

WBC host are needed for February 18th and 25th. Deb Rudd volunteered to host February 18th and Michele Hampton volunteered to host February 25th.

Tri County Plumbing will host a Ribbon Cutting/ Grand Opening on Friday February 6, 2015 from 11am - 2pm.

Sherwin Williams will host Business After Hours on February 26th

Michael added that on February 18th an informational meeting on Air Permit will be held at Marshfield High School , 6PM-9PM. Invite people to join you and attend. A good showing at this event is very important. Your comments are important as well. Simply stating that ,”I support this project”.

Rick announced new chair for the Membership Committee, Heidi Proett. He attended the membership committee meeting on January 20th, a lot of good energy and ideas from this group. We discussed a “New Member Challenge”. A challenge is for the board to invite businesses to join the Chamber. The best message we can share is “What does the Bay Area Chamber do for you”. Stop by the Chamber office and pick up New Member Packets and visit with your clients and customers. The Director who brings in the most new members will be eligible to win a “Travel Oregon Package”. Lodging provided by Verk Hospitality. More information on this challenge to come.

Executive Director

Timm reports: Rick reported in Timm’s absence. LAT 2015 State legislative resolution for Bill 324 Low Carbon Fuels. It is our thought not to go this direction. There are only two states that are on board with this bill. Oregon is not ready to add additional ethanol to our fuel. A letter was sent to our local officials. A meeting is scheduled for February 14th at noon at Ciccarelli’s with Caddy McKeown

Team Reports

Business Development & Support: Michele reports that his committee meets the first and third Thursday of the month at Umpqua Bank. Community partners are invited to attend this meeting. The focus is the Jordan cove Project. We are currently working with Union representatives on an employee welcome to the area packets to include Information on business that supports JCP.

Training for local business to be ready for the growth during project construction is scheduled for March 11th at SOCC from 8:30 -4:30. This is a great information session. Encourage members to attend.

Transportation: Rick reports this committee meets the 2nd Thursday at the VIC at Noon. We are working on SWAT projects and Connect Oregon grants.

Tourism: Deb reports that this committee meets the 3rd Thursday at the VIC at 8AM. The Bay Area Brigade is scheduled for May 2nd. Teams are coming together for the Pirates, Bull Dogs and Lakers. They will be competing for the grand prize of who collected the most trash from their area. Join a team, show your pride, and meet at the History Museum on May 2nd and end at Coos Bay Fire Department for a BBQ lunch.

Membership: Heidi reports that a golf tournament is scheduled for September 12 at Watson Ranch. Knife River will provide donuts to start you off and a BBQ lunch when you finish. We are looking for 36 teams. The cost for a foursome will be \$300, which includes carts, green fees and warm up balls. Opportunity to sponsor a hole or a logo sign will be available. This is a huge fundraiser for the Chamber and we are looking for all of the Directors to get involved.

Education: Jayson reports that another Extreme Makeover is scheduled for March 14th in the North Bend School District. We are looking at projects and looking for volunteers. Also looking at projects to help get Bunker Hill School ready to reopen in the Fall of 2015.

Jessica reports that a survey is being sent out looking for guest speakers that may come to the middle schools to share with the student's information to get kids excited about the future. The focus will be toward 3rd through 6th grade students.

Heidi Proett sends out a newsletter each month. She does a great job of giving you contact information and links that you can visit.

Megan with Junior Chamber of Commerce reports about an Intern Fair where local businesses will set up booths. They have met with Barb about a Job Faire on May 30th. More information to come on these events. Carmen Matthews from 7 Devils will speak at Eden Hall on February 23rd. We are working with Michael Hinrichs to secure a date in March to hear about the Jordan Cove Project.

Sustainability: Melissa and Jon will present an award at WBC today to Valley Flora Farms.

Natural Resource: meets the 3rd Friday at the Red Lion at 7AM.

Ambassadors: Jessica reports the Ambassadors are very busy during the month of February. February 6th Tri County Plumbing will host a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening starting at noon.

The Ambassadors monthly meeting is scheduled for February 13th, noon at Dave's Pizza. Atlas Staffing will host a Ribbon Cutting on February 20th at 4PM and Business After Hours will be hosted by Sherwin Williams on February 26th.

Legislative Action Team: Tom reports that bills that are being discussed are the Carbon Fuel ; Minimum Wage increase and mandatory sick leave.

A question was asked how to get something to LAT committee. The answer was there is a process chart in your Director handbook showing how.

Leadership Coos: Pam shared with the board the long standing members who serve on the steering committee for Leadership Coos. It is with the help of these dedicated professionals that continue to make this program a great success.

Many directors shared their thoughts on the program and what it meant to them to attend. Each director encouraged everyone to experience this program.

Pam reported that January's topic was "Health and Human Services". In February the topic is "Emergency Services". Each month is a new topic with speakers and tours. Please contact Pam if you know of someone who would like to be added to the contact list.

Marketing & Communications: Rick reports this committee meets the last Friday of the month at Noon in Umpqua Bank conference room. This committee is getting off the ground with new leadership from Pam Plummer. We hope to be working with the Jr Chamber of Commerce to increase and learn more about social media, ie: facebook, mobile applications.

Community Reports

Visitor and Convention Bureau: Pam reports that advertising and logo change are being discussed with the city of Coos Bay. Several travel writers have visited our area and have been writing about this area. These kinds of articles bring tourists to our area.

South Coast Development Council: Connie reports she has been working on a Community Profile that will include all the information a new business may need to make the decision to come to our region. Starting in June a work force intern program will begin. This will be a nine week program with a 40 hour work week. Identify 3-5 positions to fill. Better recruitment, business talk about business problems.

Coos County Airport District: Theresa reports future development in land use. An analysis will be completed next Thursday. All in all very encouraging.

Southwestern Oregon Community College: Jessica reports that SOCC added a Forestry degree last year. Next year two more programs will be offered, Dental assistant and Human Services Degrees.

On February 12th the ODE event was streamed by SOCC. A message will be sent to Chamber members. Arlene at the Business Development Center is providing a class "Get your Business Ready" for the Jordon Cove construction impact on March 11th.

Coos Bay School District # 9: Jayson reports for Dawn. Process has been started to hire a principal for Banker Hill School. A RFP has been posted to remodel the facility.

The budget is less than promising for K-12.

Board meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 6pm.

CCD: Rodger reports for Theresa. CCD welcomes a new Executive Director Eileen Ophus. The Board chooses Eileen to succeed Wayne Luzier, who retired December 31, 2014. Eileen worked for CCD for 14 years as the Community Development Directory.

Theresa thanked Oregon Pacific Bank and Banner Bank for their referrals.

City of Coos Bay: Rodger reports that the Hwy 101 project is moving along, Sidewalks from the Historic Railroad to Front Streets, scheduled to be completed in a couple of months.. Next project is scheduled for July. A \$6 million project for S. Empire Blvd. This project will widen the road, add sidewalks for the city limits to Wisconsin Street and bike lanes, also a bus shelter will be constructed.

Waste Water Treatment Plant is in the planning. The Holler Place is moving forward this is a \$18-\$20 million dollar investment from the Tribe. Update to CIP waiting for formula, funding and ratification.

City of North Bend: Terence reports that a City Council item is a proposal from CEDCO to ship logs out of the North Bend dock. This will be discussed in a public hearing. It is being proposed by the Tribe and John Knutson.

There will be Public hearings for the JCP work force housing project.

Grant Circle is complete. Come by and see.

South Coast Community Fund a meeting will be held February 10th.

Director Updates:

Meeting – Executive session

Meeting was adjourned after Executive Session.

