

**Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 22, 2020**

**Present:** Levi French, Gavin Higgins, Lauren Long, Darren Tobey, Travis Barker, Andrew Ambriz, Michelle Nelson, Carol Ostendorf, Deb Kennedy

**Absent:** Shantel Daake, Michaela Bissonette

**Note:** Eric Zimbleman notified the team via email previous to the meeting that he has taken a position with a bank in Lexington and was moving back to his hometown of Cozad with his family. We wish Eric the best and thank him for his commitment to the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce.

**Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order by President Levi French at 4:01 pm with introduction of Carol Ostendorf to the Board. Carol is filling in the remainder of Morgan Olson's term

**1. Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve June minutes by Gavin, second by Darren, all in favor, none opposed.

**2. Financial Report**

- a. Motion to approve June Financial Report made by Darren, second by Andrew, all in favor, none opposed.

**3. Committee Reports**

**a. Retail & Marketing**

- i. Crazy Days was a successful event.
- ii. The team will be doing a School Supplies donation drive to benefit Anselmo-Merna, Ansley and Broken Bow Schools (all Chamber members). This will help the schools overall, where the Backpack Program is to benefit individual students with their school supply needs.

**b. Events**

- i. Steak Fry Events are scheduled.
  - 1. Bid received from Grocery Kart for the steaks.
  - 2. The sides will be provided by the Golf Club

**4. Executive Director Search**

- a. Levi updated the group that the candidate was wavering due to a son who would be a Senior in high school and if it was the right time to move. Levi said they were considering coming for a visit. Andrew suggested a time frame for an answer of Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> if they were not coming to visit Broken Bow as a family and if they did come as a family asking for an answer by Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Additional Communication**

- a. We will no longer host a Tourism Group since another group has been formed. Levi will serve as the Chamber representative for the group for the time being.
- b. Travis mentioned that the time is now to start conversations with potential Board Candidates for the 2021-2024 term.

## **Updates from Ex-Officio Members**

### **1. CEDC**

- a. Andrew noted that there may be a potential lease for the Shopko building, however, could not go into any details at this time.
- b. Andrew noted that demolition has begun on the Broken Bow Care and Rehabilitation building.

### **2. City of Broken Bow—not present**

### **3. Board of Supervisors—not present.**

## **Closed Session**

No closed session.

## **Adjourn**

1. Andrew made a motion that the next Board of Directors Meeting should take place on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Kinkaider Brewing Company at 4:00. Second by Darren. Discussion that each month the meeting could take place at a Chamber Team Member Restaurant. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Andrew made the motion to adjourn, Darren second, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.