

Chamber Minutes from December 3, 2024

Welcome & Introductions

Director's Present: Scott Keen, David Perkins, Cherry Colgan, Nicole Miller, Jeff Presser, Jan Bryan

Executive Director: Jayden Diener

Chamber Accountant: Jerald Peterson (was not present)

Members: Penny Presser

Guests: Tori Matejovsky & Quincy Walters (GNDC), Bill Vander Weele (NPI)

Minutes from November 12, 2024: A motion was made by Jan Bryan to approve the minutes as written from November 12, 2024, motion was seconded by Jeff Presser, all approved, motion was passed.

Bills Paid in November 2024: A motion was made by Nicole Miller to approve bills paid in November, motion was seconded by Cherry Colgan, all approved, motion was passed.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report from the Stadium Committee at this time. Scott Keen reported on behalf of the Stampede Committee that Christmas Tree Sales have started with 75 trees—31 of which are left in Wolf Point, 15 went to Poplar, # left unknown.

Old Business:

- Scott Keen took care of the maturing CD at Independence Bank (November 28, 2024) with the advice from Keith Higgins.
- Scott Keen to meet with Corland Construction this week (first week of December) to get a quote for the East Grandstands Project, that we would like to apply for under the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. Jayden Diener can not proceed in the grant application process until we get the quote & Chamber Board of Directors votes (via email before December 20) on the amount willing to pay exceeding grant funds.

- Chamber will buy extra drill bits from Agland for the Christmas Light Display set-up. Take down of Christmas Displays to take place the following day, Sunday, December 8 at 9am.

New Business:

- Tori Matejovsky & Quincy Walter from Great Northern Development Corporation shared some end of the year opportunities & wanted to thank the Chamber for their collaborative efforts on the Advanced Quickbooks Online Training that took place in November. Some opportunities discussed were; Reimagining Rural, Tribal Tourism Small Business Grant, & Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses. Jayden Diener has started an application for Reimagining Rural, Nicole Miller was going to help by talking to long term community members wanting to make change in Wolf Point. Jayden had already shared information for the Tribal Tourism Small Business Grant with Wolf Point General Mercantile.
- Jordan World Circus interested in coming back May 20, 2025 - Chamber discussed increasing rental price of the Stampede Grounds from \$1500 with a \$500 deposit (to be paid back if grounds meet contract standards of cleanliness) to \$3000 with the same \$500 deposit. Jayden Diener will reach out to Glasgow & Minot to see what they charged Jordan World Circus.
- 2025 Stampede Entertainment
 - Donnie Landis Rodeo Clown/Entertainment - Stampede Committee already has a contract in place, any rodeo clown or rodeo entertainment needs to be sent to Dave Matejovsky, Jack Stensland and or Scott Keen.
 - Kenny Fielder interested in the Saturday WHS night show - Jan Bryan & Nicole Miller said they would work together to form an immediate 100th Committee Meeting to discuss how the 100th Committee funds could be spent & if we could put so towards the Saturday night Stampede concert. Jayden Diener is compiling a list of band rates, we will vote on this once the 100th Committee has convened.
- Planning session for 2025 will take place Thursday, January 9 at the Elks from 5-7pm.
- Next Chamber After Hours to take place Wednesday, January 29. Would like to do a Chinese New Year Theme and have China City Restaurant & Stockman Bar to sponsor the event.
- February 19-23 2025 is Scobey's District 3C Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament in Wolf Point, **LOTS** of volunteers are needed for concessions, ticket takers & hospitality room.
- Jeff Presser brought up a need for advertising the Elks open kitchen.

- David Perkins informed the Chamber that Wolf Point Schools are now in the top 100 Schools in the running for the Catalyze Challenge Grant.

Next Meeting will be: January 7, 2025