

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Tracy Titmus at the Southern Boone School District Central Office.

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Tracy Titmus (P), Tracy Banning (Treas), Ann Colgrove, Melissa Karotka, Becky Edwards (Sec), Laurie DiPietro, Vicki Kemna (PP)

Absent: Chelsea Wren, Jesse Wheadon, Eric Barmann, Derek Tamm, Tim Roth (VP), Whitney Jaegers

Others Present: Ernie Wren, Letitia DenHartog, Chris Felmlee, Brandon Glascock, June Lenger

Quorum: yes

**Introduction of Guests:** Bill Ruppert with Fox Hollow Forest

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the May meeting were presented.

Melissa Karotka and Ann Colgrove made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes and addition of additional signers for the bank account were approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report**

Income \$700.20

Expenses: \$0

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 5/31/2021 was \$31,186.94 and cash balance on hand as of 6/10/2021 was \$30,506.94.

Motion was made by Ann Colgrove and Melissa Karotka to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

**Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:**

Membership: Tracy Banning

- 9 new members for a total of 99 active members.

Ambassadors: Tracy Banning reporting in Jesse's absence: nothing to report

Special Events/Quarterly Membership: Nabrina Shanks & Katie Barmann

- Tracy Banning reported in absence of committee chairs. Breakfast for your brain, building your brand, will be 6/17 from 0730-0900. Breakfast sponsor is Taco Bell.

SBEDC: Vicki Kemna & Chris Felmlee

- New meeting date established to be the second Tuesday of the month.
- Memorandum of understanding was reviewed motions made by Tracy Banning and Ann Colgrove and board voted to accept.
- Chris gave a Ranken update. The \$4.5 million EDA grant has been awarded and they have a goal of an additional \$3 million from industry. The state is giving a \$1.5 million matching grant. They are ready for architects and to start requesting bids.

Website: Jason Reynolds

- Tracy Titmus reported a new email address has been created [info@southernboonechamber.com](mailto:info@southernboonechamber.com). The [news@southernboonechamber.com](mailto:news@southernboonechamber.com) is still active.
- New staff member, Heather will be taking over what Stacy did. Board approves four hours per month.

Newsletter: Tracy Banning – nothing to report

Budget/Finance: Tracy Banning & Eric Barmann – nothing to report

City Of Ashland Report: Carrie Fischer

- Tracy Banning reports the parking ordinance did not pass
- Eastland plaza owned by development companies.
- City plans to hire part time FTE to assist with business procurement.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business**

- **Business prospects: Nothing to report**
- **Other Announcements:**
  - The Senior Center will resume dances and is now open for rental, cost is \$125. They will also begin having dinners again on 6/16. June reports funds are low and \$300 is needed to cover the cost of the July band. Vicki proposed the Chamber sponsor the July band with a \$300 donation. Ann Colgrove and Tracy Banning made motions. Board approved.
  - Becky Edwards proposed brainstorming ways to show Chamber value. One idea is to add business testimonials on how Chamber has helped them be successful to the web site or to have when recruiting other businesses to join. Another idea is to have a list of benefits including insurance through the Missouri Chamber to handout to potential prospects.

- Chris Felmlee would like to hire someone to market Ranken and the Southern Boone School District.
- Columbia EDP is having an open house for their 50 year anniversary, flyers passed out.
- There will not be a second Saturday in June. The July event will be outdoors.
- The Optimists are raising funds for a fireworks display on 7/3. The goal is \$7500.00. A prime rib fundraiser is scheduled at Trail Boss for 6/22. They are looking for donations/sponsors.
- Bill Ruppert talked about the Katy Trail, Missouri River Country Alliance, and MidAmerica Organic Association and how collaborating with those organization could benefit Southern Boone County.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Becky Edwards and Ann Colgrove to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:56a.m.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 8:00 am at Southern Boone School Central Office.