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Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 12, 2018
4:30 pm at **City Hall**

Board Members present: Todd Ecker, Peg Churchwell, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson

Board Members not present: President- Kelly Peterson VP- Denita Wisniewski, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray, John Howard, Dave Determan

Chamber Director: Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst

Guest: Rick Uteck, Anita Steffen

1- Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 4:30PM

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions – motion made by Teresa S., second by Todd E., motion carried

3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report – Minutes approval motion made by Todd E., second by Teresa S., motion carried. Financial report approval motion made by Todd E., second by Teresa S., motion carried.

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Mediqwest

5- Tourism Report— none

6- EDA Report—Government Report- Rick gave an update on: LSC building and employees; fair board possibly repairing expo building on fair grounds; Wadena school up for auction; Neil's Motorsports has closed; County website changing soon to be more user friendly and better looking.

7- Presentations— none

8- Director's Report-

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1347= 30 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Visitors Guide and Prairie Days

Publicity/Advertising-

9- Old Business

- a. Updated By- laws updates passed.
- b. Strategic planning - set meeting after Prairie Days is over.
- c. Prairie Days is this week, almost all needed volunteer positions are filled; Blandin provided a \$4,000 grant to aid in "inclusion" for the event (Lu has done an excellent job at getting volunteers from many backgrounds and cultures to participate)
- d. Good Morning Breakfast- July 19, 2018- Knute Nelson at the Senior Center
- e. 501c3 Foundation discussion will start again after Prairie Days

- f. Update signers for MN National Bank: Kelly and Denita are signers and Andy will be after paperwork is complete.

10- New Business

- A. Newcomers dinner or welcome wagon ideas - at a recent presentation, Ben Winchester mentioned that newcomers dinners were one of the best ways to build community and make new people feel welcome and connected.
- B. The welcome signs on 71 south, north and 287 belong to the Chamber. The sign on 71 south is in need of repair.

11- Adjourn -- motion to adjourn made by Teresa S., second by Andy O., motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:10PM