Limon Chamber of Commerce General Power Hour Meeting June 12, 2025

Called to order at 12:03pm.

Board Members Present: Teresa Bauman, Alison Arnold, Joy Johnson plus Chamber Administrator Katie Zipperer

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance, host recognition and thank you.
- 2. Agenda Review-No revisions
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Raejean Palko made a motion to accept the March 13, 2025 and May 8, 2025 minutes, Alison Arnold seconded, motion approved by vote.
- 4. Filing of Treasurer's Report: Teresa Bauman reported that membership is low and work continues on raising money for fireworks and the car show. Raejean Palko asked if anything will change with the fireworks if funds fall short. The answer was that we're currently only \$2,000 short so the show won't change. Troy McCue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Cindy Tacha seconded, motion approved by vote.

5. Board reports

- a. There is a board vacancy.
- b. July 4th Celebration
 - i. Joy Johnson reported that she only has 11 vendors so using the school is cost prohibitive and will not be used. She has offered vendors the asphalt lot between the visitor bleachers and the playground. She's only had three vendors take her up on that. Alison Arnold asked if Shiver Shack could move from beside the concession stand to the same asphalt lot. Joy Johnson will ask.
 - ii. Raejean Palko asked if there was a flyer out.
 - 1. Katie Zipperer stated that she had a flyer for only the fireworks. She needs information from Jason Bandy to finish the flyer.
 - iii. It's not known how much it will cost to use the football field and concession stand.

c. Car show

- i. More sponsors for prize levels are needed.
- ii. Raejean Palko asked if the cost of the awards leaves any leftover funds. The answer was no.

- d. Membership dues
 - i. Invoices will be sent to members who haven't paid.
 - ii. Megan Mosher brought up what are businesses getting from their membership. The answer was that that is in the tiers of membership.
 - iii. Communication was discussed. Alison Arnold asked how we should be communicating information on the membership tiers to businesses. There was no answer. Raejean Palko thinks communication is a problem for the entire area.
 - iv. Joy Johnson brought up the fact that participation in all extracurricular activities has dropped off a cliff.
 - v. Megan Mosher suggested having the general meeting virtually.
 - vi. Scott Lancaster stated that the Chamber has trouble getting any feedback from businesses.

6. Round Table

- a. On October 4th Hugo is having their Wine Walk and have added a Whiskey Flight and Beer Flight this year. On the same day is Hugo's Back Alley event.
- b. Megan Mosher announced that if the One Big, Beautiful Bill passes with Medicaid and Medicare cuts, Lincoln Health will be forced to make cuts to their services. Lincoln Health has a new billing system and they are cleaning out old bills.
- 7. Learning Presentation—Raejean Palko of Small Business Development Center presented information about getting the news out about events. A couple websites were given. Troy McCue of Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation informed the group of new restaurants and a potential data center.
- 8. Events in Chronological Order (BOLD are Chamber Events). Let us know about events not listed Sara Mae Lancaster, 828-243-7681, saramaesacco@yahoo.com
 - a. August 23-Hub City Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
 - b. August 23--Rotary's Concert in the Park
 - c. October 4—Wine Walk, Whiskey Flight and Beer Flight plus Back Alley in Hugo
 - d. December 6--Christmas event

Adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Future Meeting Details

July, date TBD - Board Meeting

July 10th - Hosted by Eastern Colorado Veterinary Services at the Metcalf School House

August, date TBD - Board Meeting August 14th - Hosted by the Town of Limon at Tamarack Golf Course

September, date TBD - Board Meeting September 11th - Hosted by Transwest at Transwest

October, date TBD - Board Meeting October 9^{th} - Hosted by John Sullivan at the Metcalf School House

November, date TBD - Board Meeting November 13th - Hosted by Limon Heritage Museum at the museum

December, date TBD - Board Meeting December 11th - Rural American Realty at the Metcalf School House