

Limon Chamber of Commerce  
General Power Hour Meeting  
October 9, 2025

Called to order at 12:03 pm.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance, host recognition and thank you.
2. Agenda Review
  - a. Added
    - i. From Jake Herrera, Limon's wrestling tournament, hosts for 2026 general meetings, Chamber Bucks.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alison Arnold made a motion to accept the September 11, 2025 minutes, Donna Metcalf seconded, motion approved by vote.
4. Filing of Financials Reports—Teresa Bauman stated that there is approximately \$2300 in the checking account, \$883 in the copier account and approximately \$300 in the savings account. We are still waiting for tourism board reimbursement and one sponsorship payment for the car show. The Chamber should be able to make it through the year. If not, town will make up for shortfall. Rita Daniel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Troy McCue seconded, motion approved by vote.
5. Board Reports
  - a. Jake Herrera reported that there are five vacancies as of January 1, 2026: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two non-designated positions. Rita Daniel asked what the details were to serve. Joy Johnson answered that she will email those to her. Katie Zipperer reported that four positions are for two-year terms and one position is for a one-year term. Nominations will be taken at the November general meeting, voting will take place at the December general meeting and positions will be designated at the January general meeting.
  - b. Jake Herrera will not be at the next two meetings. Katie Zipperer will run those meetings.
  - c. Jake Herrera reported that Xesi is asking for \$2,648.70 to purchase the copier. The library and bookmobile are going to share that expense with the Chamber. Donna Metcalf asked what their justification was for the purchase price. Teresa Bauman answered market value. Right now, supplies are free through Xesi. Their bill for October was \$800 but it

varies month to month depending on the number of copies that were made. Jake reported that the Chamber hopes to charge enough for copies to pay the Xesi bill. Jake Herrera reported that we will be comparing prices before changing pricing. Raejean Palko asked what entity will get the profits and suggested doing a written agreement.

- d. Jake Herrera reported on the Reboot Committee. There were only four attendees. Good ideas were heard. Alison Arnold asked Donna Metcalf what Downtown Limon's geographical area is. Donna Metcalf answered that there is some leeway to stretch the boundaries. Jake reported that Lem Scarborough would like to see beautification of Main Street for better attraction. Jake Herrera reported that some of the responsibility for the vacant buildings falls on the town through code enforcement. The use of the billboards for business advertisement was discussed. Jake Herrera would like to do a monthly business spotlight. Jake Herrera wants to meet with business owners to ask what the Chamber can do better. Holding meetings virtually and doing them at different times was also discussed. Joy Johnson asked Donna Metcalf about using the school house for virtual meetings. Donna Metcalf answered that the school house doesn't have that capability. Michael Bidwell offered Morgan Community College which has some classrooms available for virtual meetings. Jake Herrera suggested having virtual meetings quarterly. Donna Metcalf likes having the meetings the same time for convenience. Donna Metcalf suggested offering door prizes at meetings. Joy Johnson stated that the Chamber doesn't have the money for door prizes. Donna Metcalf said those would have to come from donations. Jake Herrera will try to schedule another meeting for the committee in October.
6. Jake Herrera reported that Limon School's wrestling tournament will be December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. He doesn't have times yet. A sign-up sheet will be distributed once times are known. The school may have a vendor fair on that Saturday.
7. Jake Herrera asked for general meeting hosts for 2026. Members are to see Joy Johnson to sign up.
8. Michael Bidwell asked about Trick or Treat Street. It will be held on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
9. Raejean Palko reported that Limon Heritage Days, Drone Show Stories in the Sky will be on June 13, 2026.
10. Donna Metcalf reported that Limon School Choir and Badgers Leaders volunteer at Hometown Christmas. She wants everyone to work together. An Ugly Sweater

Contest will be sponsored by the library. Penny Pearce stated that Hoffman's can't take pictures with the Grinch and with Santa at the same time. They have to find someone to play The Grinch.

#### 11. Learning Presentation

- a. John Sullivan presented that currently there are many challenges in the health insurance arena. He stated that ACA credits are needed for a large percentage of Lincoln County residents. Health insurance premiums will go up about 30%. United Healthcare is withdrawing their Advantage Plans. There will be no changes to supplemental plans except for slight price changes.

#### 12. Round Table

- a. Morgan Community College is holding a Free Technology Literacy Workshop on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- b. Donna Metcalf announced her open house at 8<sup>th</sup> & K tonight, 4 - 6.
- c. John Sullivan announced that open enrollment starts October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Rita Daniel announced that Health Images is doing \$99 mammograms. Also the haunted house in Arriba starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> and goes through Halloween.
- e. Alison Arnold announced that Vets Building a Better Community is selling concessions at the Limon fire department's haunted house on Saturday.

#### 13. Events in Chronological Order (**BOLD are Chamber Events**). Let us know about events not listed - Sara Lancaster, 828-243-7681, [saramaesacco@yahoo.com](mailto:saramaesacco@yahoo.com)

- a. November 22—Cowbelles' ball
- b. **December 6--Christmas event in Limon**
- c. June 13—Limon Heritage Days Drone Show Stories in the Sky
- d. **August 22—36<sup>th</sup> Annual Hub City Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show**

Adjourned at 12:53 pm.

#### Future Meeting Details

November, date TBD - Board Meeting

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Hosted by Limon Heritage Museum at the museum

December, date TBD - Board Meeting

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Rural American Realty at the Metcalf School House