

# Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

## Minutes

Members Present; Rae Evenson, Marlene Schultz, Rod Torgerson, John Evenson, Patrick Forsyth, Vicki Olson, Kristin Collins, Michelle Hoskins, Shelly Jerviss, Jim Skree, Karla Bloem, Ashley Lashenski, Margaret Knutson, Allison Wagner, Fillmore County Journal

- I. Call to Order at 5:31 p.m. by Rod Torgerson
- II. Additions to the Agenda
- III. February Meeting Minutes – Motion made by John Evenson to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene Schultz approved.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Motion made by John Evenson to approve, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene Schultz - approved.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Membership Drive - We have 40 members and still have a possibility of 3-4 more.
  - b. City Entrance sign – Rushford State Bank will be working home time Pride on what type of plants to plant.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers
    - i. Ron Evenson - President – Motion made by Marlene Schultz 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Evenson
    - ii. Rod Torgerson - Vice President – Motion made by John Evenson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene Schultz.
    - iii. Patrick Forsyth – Treasure – Motion made by Marlene Schultz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Evenson.

- iv. John Evenson – Secretary – Motion made by Patrick Forsyth and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene Schultz.
- v. Vicki Olson – Board Member – Motion made by John Evenson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Collins.

All motions were approved.

- b. Reminder all Chamber meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Legion, and 1/4 we will be holding at a local business. All members are invited to attend the meetings.
- c. Margaret encouraged everyone to utilize our web page and spread the word on using it. The web page has an updated calendar that we keep up to date, we can help you advertise if you are looking for help. The web page also has our newsletters and minutes that you can view.
- d. Margaret also stated that Ashley has been doing a great job with our Instagram page as well.
- e. Marlene Schultz asked about the survey if we had results yet. We will have results to share at the next monthly meeting.
- f. Ribbon Cutting for new businesses.
  - i. Evolv Fitness – March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.
  - ii. Forsyth House – May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
  - iii. Houston Area Museum – May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.
  - iv. Rushford State Bank – May
- g. Guest Speaker – Allison Wagner – CEDA offered us an update on what the County EDA has to offer for small loans that they offer for startup businesses. Allison also gave us an update on what the County and Schools are working together to give the students a chance to work in the communities.

VII. Adjournment at 6:35 p.m. – Motion made by John Evenson  
Seconded by Dianne Forsyth.