

Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

May 10, 2022. Noon - Chamber Office

Present: Jill, Rich, Steve, Klint, FBLA seat (Carson Whitesel and Brittany Olsen)

Absent: Diane, Lianne, Traci, Wade

Other Guests: Lisa, Lauren, and Bri

Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM

Approval of April Bills: A motion was made to approve the April Bills. **Motion: Steve, 2nd: Rich**

Approval of April Minutes: A motion was made to approve April meeting minutes. **Motion: Steve, 2nd: Klint**

New Business (12:10 PM):

1. **Chamber Credit Card:** The Chamber discussed getting Lauren a credit card to replace Bri's after she leaves. A motion was made to get Lauren a chamber credit card. **Motion: Rich, 2nd: Klint**
2. **Chamber Director Report:** Bri started off by saying this is her final meeting, and then she reviewed the past month events. The Neligh Shred Day took place on April 20th and was a huge success with cars lined down the street! NOPS's Big Event happened on May 4th and went over very well with students cleaning up the Cowboy Trial, the cemetery, helping to plant at the community garden, assisting the museum with summer project preparations, and more! For upcoming events, Thriftway will be doing their Annual Burger Bash on May 27 from 11-1pm and the Chamber will be presenting a gift to the Caring Kind Award winner tomorrow at 1 pm!

There are still a few businesses that have not paid their dues, but Bri has been working to get in contact with them to remind them. She also has been busy updating the website, working on the Chamber year list information, all prep for her leaving next month, and beginning the work for Novemberfest by contacting breweries, wineries, and distilleries. There is already one winery that has committed!

Something to not is that Sly's was accepted onto the beef passport this year! Only 40 Nebraska businesses make the list, so be sure to go support Sly's while they host for the summer! ACN also received Newspaper of the Year for the 5th year in a row! We are grateful to have such strong businesses in our community. Total Chamber hours currently sit at 395/1000.

3. **ED Report:** Lauren has been busy this past month with the housing study. They will be doing a few more meetings but hope to have everything completed by October 11 so the city can apply for grants at the beginning of 2023. She also has been working on more research for the electric charging station. Lauren has been busy getting caught up on all the things happening in the ED world and city planning by attending CEC conference, Northeast Nebraska Growing Together Summit, and she will be going out to the NEDA Conference later this week.

Coming up, B & B videos will be back in Neligh to film for the tourism app video. As for the AD position, the job is currently posted on the city page, social media, linked in, handshake, college websites, and other job search websites. We are still looking for the right candidate.

Lastly, Clearwater has approved moving forward with the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant. They also passed LB256 abandoned and nuisance properties ordinance. In the past few years, Clearwater has seen a lot of growth, and this is their way to try to continue pushing that growth forward.

Committee Reports (12:30 PM):

1. **Promotions:** Mother's Day CoOp Ads ran last week with 7 businesses participating, and the Father of the Year contest is currently accepting nominations. A big thank you to the FBLA who has graciously volunteered to help deliver the prizes to all nominated dads! After that will be the Teacher's Breakfast in August!
2. **BBQ:** This will be our next event coming up on August 6. Bri has begun creating ads and flyers as well as reaching out to sponsors and applying for grants to assist with funding for the event.
3. **Open Floor for Additional Discussion:** N/A

Adjourn: **12:33 PM** **Motion: Klint, 2nd: Rich**

Minutes Reviewed and Approved by: Rich Burgess, Secretary.

Date: 05/10/22