

Month	Present	Absent
February	Jill, Steve, Kelli, Lisa, Rich, Laurie, Diane(phone)	Klint, Dawn
March	Jill, Steve, FBLA, Rich, Laurie	Klint, Dawn, Diane, Kelli

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly  
April 9 Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM

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Roll Call:      Jill      Steve Rich      Diane Klint      Kelli      FBLA      Dawn Laurie

Other Attendees: [Lauren, Sara](#)

Approval of March Bills & Treasurer Report: [Rich made a motion to approve the Bill & Treasurer Report. Second by Laurie. All in favor.](#)

Approval of March Minutes: [Rich made a motion to approve February minutes. Second by Steve. All in favor.](#)

***New Business:***

Resignation Jill read a resignation letter typed by Dawn Nelson, Rural Route One Boutique, from her position on the board due to unforeseen circumstances but would still like to be a part of the promotions committee. Steve made a motion to approve the resignation letter. Second by Laurie. All in favor.

Bylaw Article II-Membership Jill revisited if we needed to include looking at the honorary membership in December every year. Sara reported that it was added as new entities might evolve or financials may change for an entity that may reevaluate their status. Diane questioned what entities are currently honorary memberships. Sara reported the Antelope County Museum, Mill, Ag Society, and Neligh Community Center. These entities' purpose is not to make a profit for their own benefit but to provide services to better the community. Diane made a motion to leave Bylaw Article II as is. Second by Steve. All in favor.

Scholarship Sara reported that two Neligh Oakdale seniors handed in the scholarship application. Steve stated that they gave away two scholarships last year but doesn't think it should be made a habit. Diane agreed. Jill asked if there should be a committee to select the recipient. Klint, Diane, and Jill volunteered to be on the selection committee.

Rural Workforce Housing Grant Lauren asked that the Chamber consider reimbursing the city once the Rural Workforce Housing account accrued enough interest to pay for the annual audit. Lauren reported that Brenda Reinke Herley has agreed to conduct the 2023 audit. Diane made a motion to reimburse the City of Neligh once the Rural Workforce Housing account has accrued enough interest. Second by Steve. All in favor. Diane made a motion to continue reimbursing the city as long as the account continues accumulating interest, that if not enough interest is being collected the board revisit the subject. Second by Laurie. All in favor. Steve made a motion to have Brenda Reinke Herley provide the 2023 audit services. Second by Kelli. All in favor.

**Chamber Director Report** Sara reported 284 hours to date. A copy of the expo P & L was given to everyone in attendance. Sara stated she has been working hard to coordinate the chamber banquet that will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Nominations are written and ready to present. Sara reported that a two-day, two-hour Digital Marketing class will be held at the Neligh Public Library on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-Noon through the Center of Rural Affairs, Women's Business Center. Shred Day will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 10 am at the Chamber/ED office.

Emails have been sent to Novemberfest vendors, with two distilleries committing. That being Blended Distilling and Wahoo Distillery. Sara reported receiving the two scholarship applications as mentioned earlier in the meeting. Communication between the community center and Chamber/ED office on promoting the breakfast the community center will start providing to compliment their income. The community center director stated that they would have to close before summer if they don't make money in the shortcoming.

Lucky Joe Liquor Store will hold its Bourbon Night on April 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Men and women over the age of 21 are welcome to attend.

Sara reported that River Mill Coffee Co. will be awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Center of Rural Affairs on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The C4K application has been turned in; notice will be given on May 3<sup>rd</sup> if Neligh has been accepted. Sara reported she attended the Nebraska Development Network Meeting in Wayne on March 19<sup>th</sup> and heard about programs Wayne State College has to offer and a discussion on childcare and housing from KC Beltz. Sara stated she applied for the Nebraska Development Network Northeast Region Scholarship to attend the NEDA conference in June.

**ED Report** Lauren reported on March 20th, DED notified us that Neligh had met the requirements, and our \$510,000 grant payment request was deposited into an IntraFi Cash Service (ICS) account on March 25. The ICS account is similar to a money market account. DED required it to assure FDIC coverage on all the funds. The account is currently earning 4.25% interest.

Hild Construction Townhome Project will install carpet and appliances. Sprinklers and sod are pending weather conditions. They hope to have an open house in May. BTB Construction has created a Facebook page to share their journey in remodeling properties.

The proposed ordinance was submitted to History Nebraska, thanks to Jim McNally, who worked on it and proposed changes to comply with the state CLG and National Parks Service requirements.

Lauren reported that Neligh will host a Brownsfield Workshop on Tuesday, May 21, at the American Legion in partnership with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Kansas State University TAB, EPA, USDA, History Nebraska, and Five Rule Rural Planning.

In Clearwater, Two Bills Steakhouse should open within the month. The city is also discussing the addition of a Workforce Housing TIF.

**Committee Reports:** (Membership, Expo, Promotions, BBQ, Novemberfest, Annual Meeting, Holiday, Banquet) Promotion. Co Op Ads are due and we will be honoring Father's Day this year.

Adjourn: Laurie motioned to adjourn and Rich made a second. All in favor.

Time:12:53

# Neligh Chamber of Commerce

## Monthly Bills

March 2024

Checks

Vendor	Description	Amount	Aprov.	Check #
Top O'Rock Desgin	Banquet Awards	93.02		1683
Cold Type Publishing	Expo Ad	157.50		1684
94 Rock	Expo Advertising	144		1685
<b>Check Total</b>		<b>491.04</b>		
Pinnacle Bank	Credit Card Expenses			
Slys Bar & Grill	Lunch	115.71		
Casey's	Expo Pizza	134.94		
Dollar Store	Store Supplies	6.92		
Lucky Joe	Expo	92.62		
Lauren Sheridan-Simonesen	Amazon/Expo extension cords	96.52		1685
<b>Credit Card Total</b>		<b>446.81</b>		1682
<b>Bill Total</b>		<b>841.23</b>		