



Board of Directors Meeting February 16, 2010

Chairperson, Wayne Goforth welcomed visitors- Janet Halcomb, Efficient Energy of Tennessee (ETTN). Janet discussed the services that her company can provide to businesses in evaluating energy usage and then planning for integration of new green technologies that will further assist these businesses in cost efficiencies. She noted that Union County businesses are eligible for significant federal grant money, as well as state money that will offset the installation of green technology including solar panels, correcting/ rebalancing of HVAC systems and ultimately allow for “sale” through a TVA program, any excess capacity. The Chamber will arrange for Ms. Halcomb to present the services to our business owners and county officials. A tentative date of March 11 at 2PM has been set.

Wayne then recognized Ms. Halcomb for providing the lunch.

Call to order by Wayne, Chairman of the Board @ 12:09 PM.

Members present: Atkins E, Atkins T, Lay, Goforth, Inklebarger, Rhyne, Jones, Mills, Roe, Von Schipmann, Wine

Members absent: Cooper, Churchill, Erickson, Hill, Buckner, Phillips, Thompson, Williams

Visitors present: Janet Halcomb, Vickie Bruce

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Larry; 2nd by Von. Motion approved.

Wayne recognized new chamber members- Abundant Health & Wellness, Inc; Oakes Daylilies

Approval of January 2010 minutes: Von motioned to accept; Judy 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Judy reported a starting balance of \$947.63 and an ending balance of \$3140.49 of which \$620.63 was listed as Education Fund. Judy reported that the President’s pay is now up to date. The auction and banquet were financially successful. . Larry moved to accept and Darlene 2nd. Motion passed. Judy then presented a proposed budget for 2010 which, with the line item changes approved in January, was the same

overall budget at 2009. Larry reminded the group that the Chamber will be moving to the Historic Bank Building which will change the budget. He further stated that the budget could be modified by a vote at that time. Kay asked about the line item for corporate donations and Julie reported that there are times when agencies will make a donation to the chamber for specific purposes. Larry moved to accept the 2010 budget and Kay 2nd. Motion passed.

Presidents Report: Tourism- White Lightening Festival for 6/26/2010- Julie reported that the festival plans are underway. The committee will be hosting a White Lightening Idol contest on March 27. Prizes include money and a spot on the Tri- State Rebels Stage as a performer. Information is available in the Chamber office. The Civil War America's Frontier motorcycle brochure will be available in April. This project is funded by METTC. **Grants:** Union County was not selected for the grant for swim/ water safety at Big Ridge or the Knox Heritage Your Town Design Grant. **Scholarships-** Julie gave recognition to Martha Hill who was awarded a Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance scholarship. Ms. Hill would like to open a child care center and after school program in the Sharps Chapel community where there is currently no programs available. **Technology:** FNet Participation- the Chamber is participating in this ETSU and Virginia Tech program which monitors the health of the electric/power grids to help design better systems with fewer disruptions. **TVA Project for Industrial Recruitment:** The deadline for this comprehensive program designed to enhance the RFI response time in 2/23/2010. Julie also reported that the TVA will no longer support chamber dues, but will assist chambers on a grant type basis. Our application was submitted in late 2009 and we were notified that our support this year will be \$400.00.

Congratulations to Jennipher Jeffers who was the only individual selected in Tennessee for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's summer internship program. Jennipher will be working in a congressional office in Washington DC from May 29 through July 31. Although the chamber will miss her, we wish her the best and are proud to have her as an advocate for Tennessee and Union County.

Board Action:

Old Business:

Rebecca asked that the banquet wrap up be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Wayne reported that the Community Planning Survey was ready for distribution. The link will be available on the Chamber's home page and all residents are encouraged to participate. Larry moved that the link, http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/union_county_community_survey be made available through March 31 and Von 2nd. Motion passed.

Wayne reported that the Broad Band grant money was open for cycle 2. Julie reported that the original application is still being considered, but that a second application should be filed. Larry agreed that the resolution passed by County Commission would extend since it is the same project. Kay moved that we reapply for cycle 2 and Tonya 2nd. Motion passed.

Wayne requested volunteers for the following committees:

Strategic Planning- Scott, Kay, Tonya, Von, Larry, Jack and Sheila have all agreed to serve

Bylaws and Nominations- Suggestions were made and Julie will ask Steve Hill, Steve Thompson and Ron Erickson if they will serve.

Annual Banquet- Rebecca, Darlene, Diane Allen, Vickie Bruce have all agreed to serve

Tourism- Everett and Tonya agreed to serve and Julie will contact Mike Churchill about chairing this committee.

These committees meet ad hoc and make recommendations to guide the activities of the Chamber.

Larry reported that the County Commission approved the Chamber's move to the Historic Bank building. The estimated date of move will be in about 3 months. The cost savings to the Chamber will be significant. Von asked about moving the chamber sign and Larry said it could fit to the side of the building. Kay and Rebecca then asked about directional signs for the industrial parks and for the location of the courthouse/ chamber etc. Jack will review the ordinance for signs and report back.

Jack discussed the construction for water and sewer in the City and the impact of both roads and on personal properties. Jack stated that the City would begin repairing potholes, paving, restoring driveways and yards when the weather improves. He asked for concerned residents to contact his office so that he is aware of the properties that need attention.

Announcements:

Leadership classes will begin March 18.

It is now time to renew or advertise in the 2010 Union County phone book. The Choice Directory will go to print in April. For more information contact Diane Allen or the chamber.

KUCB has scheduled Great American Clean up events for 3/20 in Sharps Chapel meeting at 10A at the Sharps Chapel Community Center, 4/17 along 33 Bridge meeting at 10AM at Beach Island Resort Marina and 5/2 for Big Ridge State Park area meeting at 9AM at the park. The March and April cleanups will include lake shore and pontoon boats are needed to transport workers. For more information contact Lyndsey at KUCB

Diane Allen with Mary Kay is hosting a fun event on Saturday, February 20 at the Maynardville Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The annual Union County Easter Egg Hunt at Wilson Park is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at 11AM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.

Next Meeting is the annual business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 12N at the Chamber Offices.