

Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes 7/31/2020

1. Call to Order - 8:03am

Present: Kelsie Sullivan, Colin Fay, Leslie Lance, Angela Laflamme, Tracey Hupe, Kay Shearer, Jennifer Castro, Stephanie Hays, Dawn Hoxie, Scott Myers, Kauai Fitt, Suzanne McCarthy, Emma Irish, Linda Landers, Crystal Kennedy, Julie Sliker, Derrick Crawford, Debbie Rinckey and Britney Olsen.

Those not Present: Tom Roth, Ruth Armstrong

2. Introduce Guests - None

3. Minutes - 6-26-2020 – Approved minutes

1st Business is Chamber Resolution: Requested support from the Alaska Chamber- Discussion held, Emma – Critical issue to speak up on, Leslie – Important that we take a stand, Scott – Second, Dawn – Important, Kay – Agree, Crystal – Inquires on past Board support of measures, precedent... Colin – We did pass a motion to not support a resolution years ago, pass our own resolution..., Kelsie – Reads the resolution proposed by Alaska Chamber. Colin moves to accept resolution as written, inputting our chamber information in the blank (see below), 2nd by Leslie, Unanimous, motion passes.

4. Executive Committee minutes - No meeting this month

5. Finance Status

a. See page 2

b. Waiting to hear on AK Cares Grant – The grant was submitted by Deb – request through Alaska Cares Direct Appropriation. Crystal requested hard numbers for what we need. Deb reported that she has the numbers and they are looking to request what would be needed through December @ 100,000.00.

6. Chamber Updates

a. Office closures - Until further notice – *MOA is not charging rent.*

b. Golf Update - August 21 – *10 Teams signed up so far. Colin requests all Board Members to reach out to get teams, grow tournament.*

c. COVID - 19

i. Lunch Forums - AEDC - August 5th - *aedcweb.com/2020-economic-forecast-luncheon / August 12 - Senator Lisa Murkowski / August 19 – OneAlaska*

d. Bear Paw

i. Labor Day Weekend - Exec Comm/Bear Paw Committee working on details – *Colin - Grand total for sales of shirt sale \$109.00. Labor Day Weekend, Anchorage Market, Golden Wheels, Fewer Rides, E.R. Commons, Vendors in parking lots around town, sanitation stations, music at Matanuska Brewing, Car Show at Chepos Frday, Saturday, Sunday with reservations 40 cars each day. Thank you to Deb and Brit for fielding calls. Vendor policy done, Patron policy not made yet, email Colin with comments (we are outside, six feet? masks?)*

e. September 26th Dinner - Virtual / Postpone? *No in-person on Sept 26th, Virtual Format, No decisions made yet.*

7. Board Member Reports

- AEDC Emma Irish – *Invite everyone to attend luncheon, monitoring Alaska Cares, Economic Task Force next steps – how can we be proactive, cohesive group since created.*
- ASD Liaison Dr. Bishop/Elisa Snelling/Tom Roth – *No reps present*
- Assembly Crystal Kennedy / Jamie Allard – *Crystal - Work session today, Cares funding plan, August 11th – purchase of properties vote, * Also noted, Banning of counselors – Therapy over sexual orientation to be voted on*
- Eklutna Tanya Gamble – *No update*
- Foundation Debbie Rinckey - *\$1200.00 check for teachers, Excellence in Education, Awards/plaques, sent out last round of scholarship \$, see Foundation Website*
- Legislative Report

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- JBER Derrick Crawford / Ryan Goss – *Derrick – Return of 2000 troops at Fort Wainwright from Iraq, Quality of Life initiatives, Indoor training facility just opened, New command, adjusting with COVID restrictions, being safe while still maintaining flow of personnel*
- Public Safety Det. Haverty APD & Eric Lawson, AFD

8. **Around the Room- Choose Committee**

All Members

Jennifer - MEA reports the Annual Meeting has been cancelled. ER/Wasilla offices opened with limited hours/masks, Palmer is closed, Underground wire placement – ER Subdivision, Thunderbird Heights outage – replacing underground wires, Operation Round-Up – MEA Charitable grants – 10,000 – suggesting requests for projects, emergency fund, COVID Impact, by Sept. 25th.

Colin – Drafting a Resolution for support of Ballot Measure 2 – Three pronged review of Election Process – Rank Choice – Who you want most. (Top-Four Ranked-Choice Voting and Campaign Finance Laws Initiative)

Deb – ASD starting school online.

9. Adjourn – 9:01am

10. Upcoming Dates

July 31	BOD meeting	TBD
August 5	Lunch Forum 12-1	No Luncheon - AEDC Lunch
August 12	Lunch Forum 12-1	TBD
August 19	Lunch Forum 12-1	One Alaska (Virtual)
August 21	Golf Tournament	Settlers Bay - 8am arrival
BEAR PAW	Downtown ER	Labor Day Weekend - Sept 3-7, 2020

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Financials

Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 7-29-2020				
Comparison by Month	1-30-2020	4-23-2020	6-23-2020	7-29-2020
Key Bank – Annuity	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$0.0	\$0.0
MVFCU – Savings	1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69
MVFCU – Checking	453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26
WF- Festival - 4165	26.41	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
WF- General - 5799	4,716.08	\$ 307.65	\$ 2,801.86	\$ 1,289.25
WF – Savings	1,054.01	\$ 1,054.01	\$ 54.18	\$ 54.19
1 st National Bank – Gaming	7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70	\$ 4,352.15
1 st National Bank – CD	16,173.21	16,181.36	\$16,181.36	\$0.0
1 st National Bank – Checking	32,422.68	17,318.07	\$20,060.21	\$23,323.68
Current Funds Available	82,837.59	63,014.02	\$48,545.85	30,823.22

Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 7-23-19				
Comparison by Month	4-24-19	5-28-19	6-27-19	7-23-19
Key Bank – Annuity	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69
MVFCU – Savings	1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69
MVFCU – Checking	453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26
WF- Festival - 4165	152.41	\$ 138.41	\$ 124.41	\$ 110.41
WF- General - 5799	2,685.07	\$ 4,158.33	\$ 5,411.57	\$ 5,659.65
WF – Savings	1,053.85	\$ 1,053.88	\$ 1,053.91	\$ 1,053.91
1 st National Bank – Gaming	3,368.95	\$ 3,366.85	\$ 3,365.80	\$ 3,364.75
1 st National Bank – CD	16,157.18	16,165.06	\$16,165.06	\$16,165.06
1 st National Bank – Checking	26,910.00	31,682.08	\$32,158.67	\$44,515.67
Current Funds Available	70,836.10	77,073.25	\$78,788.06	91,378.09

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Approved Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**:

WHEREAS, Alaska's economy depends on responsible resource development;

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry provides thousands of good paying, family sustaining jobs throughout Alaska;

WHEREAS, the ballot box is the wrong place to decide complex public policy that rewrites taxation laws for Alaska's largest private economy driver;

WHEREAS, all Alaska businesses are hurting during this unprecedented time of national pandemic and economic slowdown, and now is not the time to increase taxes by 150-300% on any industry, including oil and gas;

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure One seeks to increase oil industry taxes by 150-300% depending on oil price;

WHEREAS, such a radical rate increase will inevitably lead to less investment, less oil production, and less revenue and jobs for Alaska,

WHEREAS, radical environmental groups are supporting Ballot Measure One in an attempt to slow or stop natural resource development;

WHEREAS, hundreds of Alaska businesses and organizations have come together as a group called OneALASKA to preserve Alaska's economy and jobs by opposing Ballot Measure One;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Chugiak- Eagle River Chamber of Commerce** opposes Ballot Measure One, and encourages Alaskans to vote NO in November.