



LARNED
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PAWNEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION



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I. Call to Order

Present: Brock, Katherine, Mike, Landon, Carroll

Absent: Sarah, Holly, Laurie, Leigh Anne, Braeden

II. February Minutes – Mike motioned to approve. Carroll 2nd. Motion passed.

III. February Financials – Katherine motioned to approve. Landon 2nd. Motion approved.

IV. Additions to the Agenda – none.

V. Visitor & Ex-Officio Reports – none.

VI. Old Business – none.

VII. New Business

- a. Compensation for Chelsie – Chelsie did a good job while Alex was out on maternity leave. Katherine motioned to give her a bonus of \$250. Mike 2nd. Motion passed.
- b. 2022 Budget – Katherine moved. Landon 2nd. Motion passed. Try to recruit more businesses to join as new members with the help of members of the board.
- c. Business Participation Fees for Events (Art Walk, shopping nights, etc.) – Discussed adding a participation fee for our businesses to participate in downtown nights, so we would have more funds to help advertise those events. The consensus was to not charge this year, but look into adding a Downtown membership level or downtown event package in the future.
- d. Chamber Blue of Kansas – CCEKS (Chambers of Commerce Executives of Kansas) is working with Blue Cross to offer a Chamber Blue Health Plan to

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participating KS Chambers and their members. We will opt in to try the health insurance plan again.

- e. Grant Funding – Landon submitted a State Farm grant for new speakers. Need to get more quotes on the speaker project.

VIII. Director's Update: preparing for the Pawnee County YEC event on 3/9 – 4

businesses will be presenting; Antique Show went really well – numbers were up close to 200 people from the 2020 show; Santa Fe Trail Days schedule is coming together – May 27-29; Art Walk will be 4/28; wrote letters for 2 businesses to submit BASE Grants to the Dept. of Commerce.

IX. Community Reports:

- a. City of Burdett – Celebrated the 1-year anniversary of 156 Stop-N-Go
- b. City of Larned – Demolition of the Opera House is underway.
- c. City of Rozel – none.

X. Task Force Updates:

- a. Community Events: Art Walk, Santa Fe Trail Days, Craft Beer Contest – see director's update.
- b. Fundraising: Duck Race, Movie Theatre Party Raffle, and Biscuits & Gravy feed. We will begin with the Duck Race and Biscuits & Gravy Feed at Santa Fe Trail Days and consider selling movie raffle tickets later this summer or fall.
- c. E-Community: Grant request for Pawnee Co. YEC - March 9th – Mike motioned to request \$1,250 from E-Community Funds. Landon 2nd. Motion passed.

XI. Adjournment – 7:16pm Mike motioned. Carroll 2nd. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: April 7th, 2022 at 6:00 pm