

Veneta Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
Minutes of May 9, 2023

Attendance: Gina-Haley Morell, Robbie McCoy, Candy Christiance, John Tribolet, James Palmer, Sarah Naegeli.

Guest: Matt Michel, Cole Haselip, Alli (city management intern)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:58pm by President Gina Haley-Morrell
2. Public Speaking: N/A
3. Secretary Report: Presented, filed for audit.
4. Treasurer Report: Presented, filed for audit.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Membership: Robbie noted reminder emails have gone out, one reply so far.
 - Meet & Greet: Patio Oasis is hosting 5/23 from 5-7pm afterhours. John at Grateful Graffix has agreed to 6/21 for afterhours.
 - Lunch & Learn: First is tomorrow with SBDC here at the Chamber.
 - Luncheon: No new updated for June.
 - Signature Event: Yankee Doodle celebration is 7/4 from 11-3p – E Bar will be hosting beer garden.
 - Flowers on Broadway: Baskets should arrive on Broadway around June 1 – all are sold (34).
 - DSA: Robbie noted it went well, little over 100 attendees. Overall, everything went very well.
6. Chili Cookoff – Need committee to begin preparations, promoting and planning.
7. Unfinished Business: DFN – waiting on John Hammer to approve. Still waiting to reschedule with The Chronical newspaper.
8. New Business: Veneta Honors banners are done, waiting to approve proofs before print.
9. VCC/EM Updates: N/A
10. City Updates:
 - Cole: 4 Rescue Veneta grants have been passed before it sunset. Some of the remaining funds will be out toward the City's broadband efforts as well as City identity survey. Council voted to rezone the Enterprise zone. Updated council on wildfire reduction efforts that have been happening. Matt: Lane County is perusing mental health response county wide in addition to long-term sustainable housing, even in the rural areas. COV council donated \$1000 to Lane Arts Council as well as \$1500 to community dinners program. COV will pay the warming shelter on a per-night basis that they are open, that added up to around \$1200 that will roll into next year's budget for the shelter. National Public Works week is third week of May, Mayor read a proclamation about that. Utility billing collection scheme has been updated for COV and the language that goes along with that. May 26th will be Cole's last day with the City of Veneta.
11. Good of the Order: N/A
12. Next Meeting on Tuesday June 13, 2023.
13. Meeting Adjourned at 3:40pm.