

**North Berrien Community Development
February 11th 2016
5:30 NBCD Office**

Members Present	Representing	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June No Mtg.	July	Aug.	Sep t	Oct.	Nov .	Dec. Buss Rec.
Jim Polashak	Coloma City	X	X										
Linda Freitag	Coloma City	X	X										
Sandy Kraemer	Coloma Twp.	X	X										
Robin Mileski	Coloma Twp.												
Karla Smothers	Chamber	X	X										
Bob Becker	Watervliet DDA												

Others Present: Rick Rasmussen, Chana Kniebes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:40 at the NBCD Office.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Kraemer and supported by Freitag to accept the minutes for January 14th as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Report: Kniebes went over the finance report for the month of January. A motion was made by Freitag and supported by Kraemer to pay bills for January in the amount \$4,282.35. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Chamber Report (CWACC)

Chamber Meeting: Smothers reported on the February 9th Chamber meeting.

Winter Newsletter: Winter Newsletter has been published.

Chamber Guide: We are starting ad sales for the Chamber Guide. This is a fundraiser for the chamber. The full color chamber guide is very popular and will last from 2016-18 and be delivered in mid-May. This year advertisers have the option if they do an half or full page ad of having a spotlight about their business with additional information. The Guide will also be distributed with the OTW publication over Memorial Day weekend.

New Businesses:

Flint Water Drive: The water drive will move forward. APL Logistics will transport the water to Flint in March and the schools have been collecting water as well. Drop off locations are River of Life Church, Edgewater Bank, M & M Polishing and Boelcke Heating and Cooling in Coloma and Arclight Brewing Company in water has beverage discounts with cases of water donated. We need to get this coordinated so that we have it put on pallets and wrapped appropriately for delivery. 12 Corners Winery has also been collecting water through the month of February and we will deliver that water as well.

Website: Kniebes updated board members on the progress of the website. As per our discussion from last month about hiring Chris from Lighthouse to update our website monthly with approximately an hour each month, a motion was made by Kraemer and supported by Smothers to spend no more than \$900 yearly to update and maintain the new website once it goes on line. All in favor, motion carried.

Medley in the Park: This will take place on June 11th from 12-10 p.m. We have some 50's 60's music that will be played from 10-12 that morning during the Car Show that is taped. We have live music that will play

from noon until 10:00 p.m. So far our line-up is Rum Boogie, Brian Randall Band and Keith Scott who will play between acts. We are still considering 2 other bands for the event. More details to follow.

Coordinator's Report and PR & Marketing: Full Report on File.

St Pat Evening Lighted Parade: March 12th is our annual evening parade at 8:00 p.m. The Lions Club is organizing a Run/Walk for that morning beginning at the Township Hall at 9:00 a.m. and proceeds from that event will go toward the formation of the Leo Club. Prizes and sponsors are still needed. There is a window display contest and the winner will receive \$150.00 of advertising from the Tri-City Record. The Coloma United Methodist Church is doing a Irish Stew Dinner and Silent Auction. The Library is having a book sale from 10-2 p.m. and there is a children's craft and story time and cookies at 1:00 p.m. Come out for the fun we hope for great weather this year.

Legislative Luncheon: Still considering setting a date in late Spring.

Old Business:

County Park: Rasmussen updated the board on the County Park Grant. Since it was not approved this go round there was discussion on how this will move forward. Even though this was a disappointment this will be reapplied for with more emphasis on collaboration with river clean up and walking trails among the components that are listed with the connected municipalities.

Chair Report:

Community Updates: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kraemer and supported by Smothers to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mileski Secretary,
Chana Kniebes Recording Secretary