

## **Chamber Luncheon Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 3, 2025

Location: Morton County Museum

Time Called to Order: 12:17 PM

Presiding: Alexis O'Hair

Members Presents include: Liz Watson, Baylor Childress, Kamryn Jones, Kaylynn Johnson, Tim Hardy, Forrest Cornwell, Kylee Harrison, Nancy Brewer, Laura Martin, Marla Houtz, Sheri Butler, April Kerbo, Dr. Esparza, Sharm Hall, Jeanie Schumacher, Jackie, Radleigh Hurn, Natasha Eagan, Alexis O'Hair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Motion made by Marla and seconded by Laura.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The ending balance for November was reported as \$16,623.56.

### **School Report**

- November Students of the Month: Baylor Childress and Kamryn Jones.
- Upcoming activities include Christmas concerts, basketball, Scholars' Bowl, and finals.
- Continued work on KESA.

### **Old Business**

Christmas Parade – December 6, 2025

Line-up will begin at approximately 5:30 PM by the Church of God. The parade will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the chili feed, tree lighting, and the ham and turkey giveaway immediately after the parade at City Hall.

Lights in the Park – Displays may be picked up beginning January 2, 2026. Participants are encouraged to meet on the afternoon of December 3 to decorate if they have not already done so.

Cruise Night – December 19, 2025. This is a great opportunity to participate in the light competition.

Open Board Position – Members interested in serving are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Chamber email.

New Members – Main Street Clinic, Betty & Al's Escape, Vision N Motion, and Simply Blessed Treasures were welcomed as new Chamber members.

## New Business

- New Board Member: Dotti Watson was welcomed to the Board.
- Membership Drive: The annual membership drive will begin in January. The Chamber extends appreciation to all members for their continued support.

## Business Reports

**Big C's** – Trivia Night will be held on December 9.

**Morton County Health System** – Report given by Dr. Esparza, Jeannie Schumacher, and Shawn Hall, Director of Nursing.

- Angel Tree for Assisted Living residents is available. Members may pick up an “Adopt a Resident” wish list in the lobby.
- Bingo prizes are being accepted for Assisted Living residents. Weekly Bingo is held on Wednesdays with approximately 15 residents participating.
- An Open House will be held December 11 at the hospital. Attendees may meet the “Robo Doc” along with physicians. Information will be available regarding:
  - Home Health
  - Hospice
  - Other Health Resources
  - EMS
  - Apollo
  - Respite Care County-Pay Program

**Radleigh, Dream First** will provide snacks and will be closed December 25. The office will close at noon on December 24 and will reopen January 1, 2026. Pictures with Santa will be held December 22 at 3:30 PM.

**Natasha, Pate Agency** – Natasha will be attending Foundation Training. Appreciation was expressed to Chamber members for their participation.

**Alexis, Economic Development/Coalition** – Work continues on childcare grants. Blessing Boxes are being placed in 988 buildings. Autographed NFL memorabilia is being used as a fundraiser.

**Church of God** – Christmas Day service will be held at 10:00 AM.

**City of Elkhart** – The power in the park is finished, and decorating work is underway.

**Kaylynn, Simply Blessed** participated in Pink Friday and Small Business Saturday. December specials are running. Christmas décor is available, and the shop is participating in Lights in the Park.

**Kylie, TCEC** -Youth Programs –

- Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. for juniors

- Steamboat Springs Camp for learning about co-ops
- 8th Grade Energy Camp (group applications of three)
- Scholarship Programs: Jim Fletcher Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000), OPSU scholarships including 8 at \$2,025 each (details on website), and Golden Director Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Nancy, Forestry** reported that the hunting season was strong. The office is open and cattle will be moved to grassland by December 16.

**Laura, Quilt Shop** reported that the KS/Nebraska Shop Hop will be held in the spring. Retreats are heavily booked throughout spring, with many out-of-state guests.

**Sherri, Senior Center** participated in Pink Friday. A Christmas Market will be held on December 13 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**Marla, Health Department** reported “A Walk in Their Shoes” presentation will be held December 3 at City Hall at 2:00 PM. LIEHEAP is deferred until January 20. Share the Warmth program is available to assist with heating costs, and Black Hills Energy assistance is also available.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Natasha, seconded by Kaylynn; adjourned at 12:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Watson