

Chamber Luncheon Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2026

Location: Morton County Museum

Time called to order: 12:17pm

Members present include: Marla Houtz, Kylee Harrison, Forrest Cornwell, Tim Hardy, Gary Talbert, Laura Martin, Ellie Bowman, Lexi Gibson, Rachel Stiver, Becky Ellis, Mindy Dougherty, Sheri Butler, Becky Hanna, Crystal Bashford, Radleigh Hurn, Natasha Eagan, Alexis O'Hair.

Approval of Minutes

Laura Martin made a motion to approve minutes from December 3rd meeting as presented; Becky Hanna seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Natasha read the ending balance for December at \$

No school reports

Old Business

Membership drive: Chamber is accepting renewals through January. Please pick up a renewal card. If you need assistance, see us after the meeting to let us know how we can help you get renewed that is easiest for you.

Full Strut Media will be coming to Elkhart during the night of banquet to meet with some business owners and record testimonials. They will visit again on July 4th.

New Business

Chamber board is seeking bids for the meal and cash bar for banquet. Bids are due February 20th and promotion for event will begin by February.

Year of events – Chamber passed out calendars to everyone breaking down the events and meetings scheduled for 2026. Chamber is wanting to try out a golf tournament fundraiser in October. The Wine Walk may need to be moved to the spring to allow time to prepare properly for each event. Any feedback or ideas are welcome.

Business Reports:

Extension – Business as usual

Cornerstone PT – 2 new PTA's drumming exercise class \$25/month, swimming Mon, Wed, Thurs.

City of Richfield – Groundhog supper on January 31st 6pm.

Senior Center – Pot luck went well. Will host an education presentation on fraud. Bingo on January 22nd.

State Farm – Celebrates 25th anniversary with open house on January 21st. Mindy also shares that Lions Club meets once a month and will be doing the Superbowl squares fundraiser. She reports the Delta Eta will be hosting a paint night February 7th - \$40/person and you must sign up by the 19th.

Historical society – Becky said they are planning the Pioneer man & woman of the year awards dinner. She said the list of nominees to choose from is getting small so if you would like to nominate someone please reach out to her. The museum will host children for Kansas day later in the month, the students get to dress up as pioneers and Indians and pretend to live like settlers for a day.

TBK – business as usual.

Fair Board – Lexie let the group know that they are looking for vendors for fair.

True Value (Prickly Pear) – Ellie has new inventory and a new layout. She's planning to have the greenhouse running and host an open house in the spring. If you have specific needs please let her know, she is happy to work with you to carry anything you need.

Sew Loved – Retreat center is booked up through July.

Gary Talbert -Working on a property in Rolla, had a lot of clean ups in Elkhart.

City of Elkhart – Has been busy with Christmas set up and clean up.

Church of God – Wednesday night kids starts tonight.

TCEC – Still needing applicants for their youth trip, and applications are open for the Collegiate delegate program for JRs and SRs at OPSU.

Health Department – LEAP Jan 20th, they will help with applications for LEAP and Medicaid. It is not too late to get your flu shot.

Dreamfirst Bank – Open a checking account and receive Bluetooth headphones.

ECO DEVO – Last Pitch your porch winner, Shear Elegance, completed store front renovations. Alexis reported that the childcare project is coming along, just working through some road bumps. The Coalition has 3 Blessing Boxes; one in each community. Anyone can donate items to the boxes at any time. The Coalition is also selling raffle tickets for two autographed footballs.

Pate Agency – Business as usual.

Ellie Bowman made a motion to adjourn meeting, Laura Martin seconded; meeting adjourned 12:49pm.