



**Chamber of Commerce Meeting
February 22, 2022, Minutes 7:00pm Held via Zoom**

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Attendance: Merwin Haight (Andrew), Noel Simpson (M), Evelyne Kobes (M), Penny Fox (M), Hank Holowaychuk, Stephanie Popel (M), Boris Andrushko (M), Arthur Beaudette, Diane Ellis, Michelle Wright (M)

- 1) Call to Order by Noel Simpson, President, 7:07 pm
- 2) Approval of Agenda – Evelyne motioned to approve agenda, carried.
- 3) Financials – Boris motioned to accept presentation of January 31, 2022 Financials, carried.
- 4) Minutes January 17, 2022 for approval – Evelyne motioned to accept, carried.
- 5) Business Arising from Minutes - None
- 6) Old Business
 - a. Chamber Intern program update – presented as information
- 7) New Business
 - a. August Parade Stampede weekend planning – Boris motioned to include Parade as 2022 Project, carried.
 - b. AGM – set a date – in person – will be at Seniors’ Drop In, Evelyne will book the hall, Michelle to advertise the date 2 weeks before event – date set as March 21, 6pm networking, 7pm meeting start. To include entrepreneur panel and discussion of 2022 projects.
 - c. Regional webinars – will continue to be promoted through email and Chamber Facebook page. May engage the Digital Service Squad on our media presence and get recommendations.
 - d. Regional EV Charging project – Michelle discussed the grant application submitted on behalf of Town, County, Waskatenau and Vilna.
 - e. Randy Russ donation request – declined, our members support community events, not the Chamber organization.
 - f. Pumpkin Fair Planning – underway, potential for Chamber to engage or have event? Will take to AGM as an idea for a project.
 - g. Anniversaries across the Region – Vilna and Vilna School, SL Ag Society, Town, Bakery
 - Bakery request – volunteers for April 2 – to bbq – Noel and Michelle volunteered.
 - h. Explore Shop Local with Andrew – future meeting or separate meeting to be scheduled.
- 8) Delegations:

- a. Penny Fox, Community Futures, Digital Service Squad – available to provide support to all businesses and to Chamber
 - b. Local Newspaper – Arthur Beaudette, Vegreville Advertiser – discuss need and desire for local newspaper, Boris motioned to bring the idea forward to AGM as possible project, carried.
- 9) Other
- a. Reminder to engage on Facebook with Chamber - @SmokyLakeChamber
 - b. 2022 Memberships can be submitted by mail to Box 635 Smoky Lake or dropped off at Pappy's. Noel and Michelle will visit businesses in early April.
 - c. Ross is responsible for Website and Centex electronic sign – if changes are needed please connect with him ross.w@telus.net
 - d. Trevor Henry can make the signs for the Centex board – contact at 780 6560278, member signs are at member cost, and Town installs them at no charge.