



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce**

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 09, 2018**

**Smithville United Methodist Church**

**Sponsor: Clay County Commission**

President Scott Pearson called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Rebecca Mulford of the Smithville United Methodist Church followed by the pledge.

**Meeting Minutes**

The April 2018 meeting minutes were then presented for approval. Harley Morlock made a motion to accept and Denise Asgian seconded the motion. Motion passes by a membership vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

The April 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented for approval with Maria Looman making the motion to approve the report as presented and Leo Slenker seconding the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with a membership vote.

**Member Introductions**

Chamber members introduced themselves, the business they are here on behalf of, and any guests that may be with them.



**Member of the Month: Bramble Built Fences, LLC**

**Matt and Amber Bramble**

**Matt Cell:** 816-651-7680

**Amber Cell:** 816-365-3772

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**Website:** [www.bramblebuilt.com](http://www.bramblebuilt.com)

- Amber shared with the membership that they have been in business since 1999 and came to Smithville first because of the tornado last year.
- Shared photos of their work on their website and recommended everyone go look at their website for more photos and reviews.
- The guarantee their work for 1 year and although not the least expensive, they offer better built products using quality materials and better trained employees.

**Next Month's Member of the Month:** Patricia Dixon with Clay County Public Health

**Program: Clay County Commission**



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| <u>Jerry Nolte</u><br>Presiding Commissioner  | <u>Gene Owen</u><br>Western Commissioner   | <u>Luann Ridgeway</u><br>Eastern Commissioner   |

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- Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte spoke about what a commissioner does including budgets for law enforcement, sheriff's department, Jail, and back up for small towns. They also focus on parks and especially Smithville Lake.
- He introduced Luann Ridgeway
- Luann thanked Cosentino's for lunch and Pack's Hardware for donating items for the drawings.
- Luann talked about Family fun day 6-23, and also mentioned all the brochures on the tables with the activities going on in Clay County during the summer months.

- They are looking for a food vendor to be at Little Platte at the lake.
- They are looking for amenities to drive people to the lake area.
- Presiding Commissioner Nolte said they are working with Mid America Regional Council due to 92 Hwy being dangerous. Commission Ridgeway said MODOT is providing \$5 million in safety improvement funds. This will be used to add turn lanes and correct shoulders on 92 hwy.
- Clay county is looking for employees
- County is reaching out to Chambers to find people to partner with.
- They want to “Improve the quality of life” and need to attract people by amenities such as walking trails, dog park, etc.
- They have a “Transparency Portal” on [www.claycountymo.gov](http://www.claycountymo.gov) United For Missouri doing portal for free. Clay was the first county to join the transparency portal
- Listed off Smithville Citizens serving on boards now.
- Upgrades to Smithville Lake include Electrical for campers, equestrian sites and added online booking for camp sites.
- Tourism board determined money wasn’t coming back to Clay county so now they are targeting amenities in Smithville, not just KC
- Smithville Lake has 1.5 million visitors a year, parks revenue is up \$1 million due to online reservations available, regional leader is Clay County.
- Improvements needed are upgraded amenities and continued transparency.
- Ending comment was CLAY COUNTY IS GOOD-LET’S MAKE IT GREAT!

## **REPORTS:**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**



Carol Noecker started her report by thanking Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte for sponsoring the luncheon and Amber with Cosentino’s Price Chopper for the food.

#### **Chamber Community Awards Banquet:**

Carol thanked all the sponsors, Dawn Cramer and Starla Janes for their help on the event and asked for anyone to contact her with any input for the event

#### **Ribbon Cuttings:**

Had ribbon cuttings at Heritage Tractor and the Historical Museum/Patterson House

#### **Community Job Fair:**

Carol thanked the Smithville Schools, Shirl Nichols and the FBLA for helping with the event. Turnout wasn’t as good as they wanted for adults, but lots of student turnout. Carol asked for input on how to improve it for next year?

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Platte Clay Electric Annual Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm
- After hours on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Show Me Real Estate from 5-7 pm
- Looking for Luncheon sponsors for June and July

## **CITY REPORT**



[www.smithvillemo.org](http://www.smithvillemo.org)

Jack Hendrix reported the following:

- Construction continues on roads around town: Bridge street, DD bridge will be closing again soon as well as Second Creek Road Bridge
- Amory bridge is still being repaired and road is still closed
- The \$7 million sewer project was approved and why the second creek bridge road will close.

## **SCHOOL REPORT**



[smithvilleschooldistrict.net](http://smithvilleschooldistrict.net)

Robert Hedgecorth reporting for Wayne Krueger presented the following:

- Ribbon cutting and open house is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
- First day of school for the 2018-2019 year is Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>
  
- President Scott Pearson Scott thanked Shirl Nichols for working with the Chamber on the job fair. Seventy-five students attended.

## **Old Business:**

- Scott had all banquet award winners in attendance stand and be recognized.
- Told the membership we are opening up nominations sooner this year.

### **New Business**

- The chamber received a letter from the Clay County Assessor because it doesn't qualify for the tax exempt status. We will get a property tax bill for 2018 of anywhere from \$150-\$200.

### **Special Drawings**

\*Prizes were awarded to various attendees through a random drawings including items from Bramble Built, LLC and Clay County Commissioners.

### **Special Announcements**

Special announcements were made by the Chamber members advertising various events and activities happening in the Smithville community in the upcoming weeks. Special ones included one from Leinda Haddock saying they are adding a 2200 sq. ft. room addition and parking. Harley Morlock mentioned that Nellie's Sweet Shoppe was taking orders for chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day, and Dewayne Knott of the American Legion Post #58 raised \$14,462.00 for the tiny house project fundraiser they held and thanked everyone at the meeting who attended the event and contributed to it.

**There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm**