



**Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce**

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## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Regular Session Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 7th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**Location:** Cross Plains Chamber Office

**Meeting was called to order by** Sheila Blackburn at 6:02 PM

**Members Present:** Jake Estes, Sheila Blackburn, Dana Sons, Susan Schaefer

**Others Present:** Ruby Wilke, Haylee Wilke

**Members Phoned In:** Kristin Boggs, Allen Williams

**Members Not Present:** Bryan Bennett, Ashley Smith, Tiffany Holland

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Was discussed. Motion to approve minutes was given by Dana Sons. Kristin Boggs seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Was not given at this time.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- a. Discussed paying Ruby for Banquet Meal and Prep. Ruby said that she worked 36 hours, so her pay would be \$540. No financials were present. Sheila Blackburn made a motion to table the motion until the next meeting when we could look at the financials. Dana Sons seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussed the Scarecrow Decorating Contest. The Chamber will participate. Will ask the City to participate as well.
- c. Sheila Blackburn made the motion to table discussing the CP Beautiful idea further until Tiffany was back. Jake seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- d. Discussed updates for Dana purchasing the building. Dana has now purchased the building. She will go through Rocket Lawyer and get a lease drawn up between the Chamber and herself stating we can stay in the building paying no rent, however, the Chamber would continue to pay electricity and water.
- e. The discussion of raising membership dues and/or using tiered memberships was tabled until closer to July, when the rates would increase. Susan made the motion. Sheila seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- f. Discussed adding a line item for "Building Fund" in our budget to allow us to save funds to get our own building when the lease is up at the current location. Dana Sons made a



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motion to create the Building Fund. Allen Williams seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- g. Kristin Boggs made a motion to have a fundraiser for a gift card Christmas tree with the funds being added to the Building Fund. Allen Williams seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Will have a raffle for it at the christmas parade. Will promote at sip-n-shop.
- h. Discussed Hunters Feed. Ruby said that she had laminated food tickets ordered, so we could re-use yearly. There were only 8 door prizes, so we needed to get busy calling vendors on our lists to donate items. Sign-up Genius was up and running and several people had signed up. Discussed issues Ruby had obtaining gun. We would get Bryan to go get it.
- i. It was decided that Dana would go to the radio interviews for Hunters Feed on October 16th and October 30th. Ruby would get her information together for the interview.
- j. Discussed the Safari Auctions for Hunters Feed. Asked Ruby to check if its live online auction or if it can be multiple days. Ruby agreed. Ruby will email out the information. Jake Estes made a motion to auction off the Safari for Hunters Feed. Sheila Blackburn seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Will need to be transparent with fees associated with the Hunts.
- k. Discussed the email we received from Debbie about the HOT Tax and that the city would not be able to give financial assistance. Discussed that we did get a check from the Cottages for HOT tax.
- l. Did not need to discuss the options for the Texas Hotel and Lodging. Issue has been resolved.
- m. Discussed Welcome Wednesday. Asked the board to make sure they show up and re-share on social media.
- n. Discuss Trick-or-treat on Main street. Ruby said 8 businesses signed up but she believes it will probably be around 12 businesses that participate. She will promote again.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Susan Schaefer. Jake Estes seconded. The Board voted. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Sheila Blackburn thereupon called the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting November 18th, 2024**



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**Minutes submitted by Kristin Boggs**

**Minutes approved by: Tiffany Holland, President**