

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:00 PM
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present : Honorable Bruce Carney, Lisa Honnold, Patrick Monea, Roger Obernauf,
Joan Plunkett, Linda Thomas, Dick Ragatz, Jon Radabaugh

Absent : Foster Lamm, Shaunda Burdette

Guests: Community Food Bank, Cynthia Lopell, Mike Orlito
Citrus County Education Foundation, Tiffany King

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

2. Presentations

Community Food Bank

Ms. Lopell presented information about the needs of Citrus County; because of the two hurricanes Citrus County reported that there are 26,000 more people who are categorized as food insufficient.. They are now providing over 4.6 million pounds of food. The homeless are a small percentage, with a large percentage being seniors. The CCFB is associated with Feeding Tampa Bay and Feeding America. They are engaged with Healthy Eating research to spotlight foods to help prevent obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. They are also working on an Empowerment Center to help individuals and families. They have rescued 1.5 million pounds of "reclaimed" food, plus fruits and vegetables before they expire. They have fewer than 12 paid employees. The money we grant them will help pay down the mortgage.

Citrus County Education Foundation

Ms. King presented the needs of the CCEF in four areas which would be mini-grants to include the First Library. These 4 mini-grant requests are for the same programs as in years past.

Josh White still evaluates the problems of students on a need-by-need basis. Their "Athlete's for Education" dinner was very successful.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2025.

Motion made by Pat Monea Seconded by Hon. Bruce Carney

Motion approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the February 28, 2025 Financials

Motion made by Pat Monea Seconded by Hon. Bruce Carney

Motion approved.

5. Directed Donations

Motion made by Joan Plunkett to approve Directed Donations : \$600, to the YMCA by Richard Ragatz and \$700, to the YMCA by Jon Radabaugh
Seconded by Patrick Monea
Motion approved.

6. Grant Requests

Roger Obenauf made a motion to grant \$40,000. to the Community Food Bank
Seconded by Dick Ragatz
Motion approved

Motion made by Patrick Monea to grant \$19,000. to the Citrus County Education Foundation
Seconded by Linda Thomas
Motion approved

7. Old Business

The Promo mailing is printed and the labels are ready. It will be mailed in the next week.
4C meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
Joan Plunkett mentioned that she did not like the current placement of the BD Foundation banner in the lobby, and will move it.
The Memorial Board has had 2 names added to it.
11 Memorial Garden pavers have been received, with 2 additional pavers to be delivered. The plan is to have the dedication on April 14, 2025 at 1 pm. Waterside will install them.

Joan Plunkett asked about when we will start planning for the February 2, 2026 event. It has been suggested that it be a Veteran's Outing instead of a Pro Am with golf on Monday and a dinner the night before. The planning will begin soon.

8. New Business

No new business

The next meeting is Monday, April 7, 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 pm