



**Lake County Chamber Alliance  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Friday September 27, 2013 8:00 am  
Lake Sumter State College**

1. **In Attendance**

**Delegates:** Kevin Austin, Mike Bucher, Shananne Cain, Mark Dushane, Catherine Hanson, Steve Jennelle, Don Marx, Jim Miller, Tom Miranda, and Orin Owen

**Delegates Absent:** Phyllis Braun, Jerry Cobb, Beth Jenkins, Kelly Pisciotta and Walter Zielinski

**Directors:** Christie Bobbitt, Peggy Hayes, Rob English, Colleen McGinley, and Ray San Fratello

**Liaisons:** Leslie Campione, Robert Chandler, Carolyn Maimone, Debi McIntyre and Pam Richmond

**Legislators:** Jonathan Till (Representative Nelson)

2. **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of last regularly scheduled Alliance meetings from August 23, 2013 presented. Don Marx moved for approval. Shananne Cain seconded the motion. Motioned approved.

4. **Financial Report:** Steve Jennelle  
MPO's invoice is outstanding for work shop. Pam Richmond in attendance and will communicate internally with MPO.

5. **Old Business:**

**Gas Tax Resolution (Six Cents)**

- o All chambers have weighed in
- o Catherine Hanson motioned to accept as presented. Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Sales Tax (One cent or penny option tax)**

- o Commissioner Campione presented the BCC perspective, stating they did not want to "stall" the recovering economy but the county requires more student stations.
- o BCC considering \$2500 impact fees with higher fees for South Lake
- o Consideration for district impact fees will require new commissioned study to justify
- o Review of our concurrency requirements was mentioned as a means to better manage and justifying development impacts and fees.
- o Alliance agreed fees would be more acceptable at certificate of occupancy.
- o BCC looking into a broader transactional tax to cover impacts.

**School Impact Assessment**

- o Carolyn Maimone reported school board voted 5-0 to reinstate impact fee at 25% or \$2500.
- o School board discussed an additional impact fee trigger (additional 25% or \$2,500) if unemployment is under 7% in six months.
- o BCC will hold public hearing October 8.

### Alliance 2013/2014 County & Legislative Survey

- Chambers should have disseminated and discussed Alliance Strategic Initiative Survey for 2013/2014 initiatives. Survey is generic/broad to generate discussions.
- Chambers are to provide feedback to Mark DuShane and/or Mike Bucher by the end of September
- LSSC to host State Delegation October 21.

### Daily Commercial

- Working on four advertisements for the Alliance
- Will report from the inception of the Alliance in 2005 to current; history and mission
- Who what is the Alliance
- Online presence being held until print edition is ready for distribution
- Kevin Austin to send print edition to Mike Bucher for proofing and approval

## 6. **New Business**

### State – Lake Legislative Days Meetings - 2014

- Nothing new to report – Kelly will update board at October meeting.

## 7. **Alliance Partnership Reports**

### Lake County Economic Development & Tourism

Robert Chandler - reported

- There will be a re-launch of the BOC in the fall
- Working on new classes for BOC in 2014
- Commissioning a marketing campaign
- Working with LSSC on a Center for Advanced Manufacturing
- A world class water skiing completion secured; first USA appearance
- Oakley Bass amateur competition in the works
- Wings and Wildflowers at Hickory Point next weekend
- Possible announcement of 60 jobs coming in October with new manufacture

### Lake Sumter MPO

Pam Richmond - reported on progress in each sector of Lake County

- 2000 new homes coming to North Lake
- Widening of 441 through Lady Lake continues, looking for funding
- 27 Reliever study released

### HBA of Lake and Sumter

Caroline Maimone - reported rise in permitting

- Alliance web site does not list member chamber's addresses, phone number or emails
- Request emails and phone numbers. Will distribute to board.

### Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County

Debi MacIntyre – discussed social service issues throughout Lake County

- Distributed report on social service issues in Lake County
- Planning Community Resource Career Fair for October 11; need employers participation

**Adjourned:** Mike Bucher – 9:25am

## 8. **Next Regular Meeting**

October 25, LSSC Business Resource Center, starting at 8:00am

Submitted by: Jeff W. Smith, Lake County Chamber Alliance Recording Secretary