



**Lake County Chamber Alliance
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 24th, 2015
Clermont City Center**

In Attendance

Delegates: Jim Miller, Orin Owen, Mike Bucher, Chris Mitchell, Don Marx, Thuy Lowe, Dan Robuck

Delegates Absent: Mark DuShane, Shananne Cain, Steve Skaggs, Catherine Hanson, Steve Jenelle, Jerry Cobb, Tom Miranda, Phyllis Buam, Roger Beyers, Beth Jenkins,

Directors: Ray San Fratello

Liaison: Robert Chandler, TJ Fish, Yolanda Watkins, Jennifer Wyle

1. Call to Order: (Jim Miller) 8:03 a.m.

Lack of Quorum

2. Treasurer's Report

No Report

3. Old Business

Lake Legislative Days (Jim Miller)

- Committee members discussed scheduling the mid-year Chamber Alliance annual review of LLD's 2015 legislative priorities along with proposed 2016 legislative priorities in late May or June. The South Lake Chamber of Commerce orchestrated and hosted the 2014 LLD review at the Clermont City Center.
- Additional discussions took place on opportunities to keep our delegates and Chamber members informed on LLD priority bills and appropriations throughout the legislative session. Many advocacy organizations keep their members informed via constant contact.

Penny Sales Tax (Jim Miller)

- The Penny Sales Tax survey funded by the League of Cities was sent to super voters and the results were favorable and in support of the sales tax renewal. The current penny sale tax funding sunsets in 2017.
- The renewal of the sales tax will be placed on the ballots for the upcoming November 2015 elections.
- The method of communication and advocacy positions captured from the survey will be presented at Chamber Alliance luncheon on March at Mission Inn. Attendance is encouraged and School Board Councilman Bill Mathias, Lake County Commissioner Tim Sullivan and Eustis Vice-Mayor Mike Holland will be the presenters.

Community Service Awards (Jim Miller)

- Chamber members were notified and encouraged to attend Community Service Awards to be held on May 6th.

4. New Business

None

5. Alliance Partnership Reports

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Business Opportunity Centers

- No Report

MPO

- TJ Fish encouraged everyone to attend the MPO Summit “Pedaling Toward Eco-tourism Success” at the Clermont City Center following the board meeting. Registration is underway and he anticipates upwards of 75-100.

Lake County Commission

- Robert Chandler spoke briefly about his new role as head of the newly aligned Economic Growth and Economic Development Department. He and his staff are going through an evaluation period to better understand and achieve efficiencies among the department’s processes so it may to better serve the county’s customers and prospects.

Lake County School Board

- No Report

Lake County Economic Development & Tourism

- No Report

HBA of Lake & Sumter Counties

- No report

Be Free Lake

- No report

League of Cities (LOC)

- No Report

Capital Facilities Funding Advisory Committee (CFAC)

- No report

CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF)

- Yolanda Watkins reported that CareerSource is scheduled a Manufacturing Career Fair on April 23, 2015 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. at Lake Square Mall in Leesburg. She commented that Career Source provides employers the opportunity to use their pre-employment services to help screen prospective employees which can be time consuming for employers. In addition, CareerSource offers a \$5,000 bonding program to employers for prospective employees who may require

Legislators Reports

- No Report

Library Foundation of Lake County

- No report

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:00 a.m. (Jim Miller)

7. Next Meeting

Friday, April 24, 2015 8:00 a.m. at LSSC/Leesburg – Board Room.

Submitted by Mike Bucher, Lake County Chamber Alliance Board of Directors-Secretary

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