



**Lake County Chamber Alliance  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Lake Sumter State College**

**In Attendance**

**Delegates:** Jerry Cobb, Bill Gay, Mark DuShane, Jim Miller, Steve Skaggs, Don Marx, Mike Bucher, Chris Mitchell, Orin Owen, Thuy Lowe, Dan Robuck, Martha Hartman, Shananne Cain

**Delegates Absent:** Catherine Hanson, Sheri Graham

**Directors:** Sue Kelly, Melissa Capresecco, Sandy Moore, Ray San Fratello, Susan Martin, Colleen McGinley

**Liaison:** Bill Mathias, Deb Dyer, Debi MacIntyre, Carolyn Maimone, Adam Sumner, Jim Myers, Amanda Wettstein, Leslie Campione

**Legislators:** Jennifer Wiley

**1. Call to Order: (Jim Miller) 8:08 a.m.**

Invocation	<b>Don Marx</b>
Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Don Marx</b>

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Chris Mitchell moved to approve the July minutes; Mike Bucher seconded the motion.

**3. Treasurer's Report (Orin Owen)**

- Orin Owen reported that money is coming in for Lake Legislative Days.

**4. Old Business**

**Penny Sales Tax (Jim Miller)**

- Jerry Cobb made a motion for the Chamber Alliance to vote on whether it supports the penny sales tax. Shananne Cain seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken in support of the penny sales tax.

**Lake Legislative Days (Amanda Wettstein)**

- The registration deadline for Lake Legislative Days has been extended until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The kick-off dinner will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mission Inn.

## 5. New Business

There will be no meetings in November or December.

## 6. Executive Reports

- Ray SanFratello: On November 13<sup>th</sup>, a bike event will be held in Clermont.
- Susan Martin: The Umatilla Chamber held a breakfast for educators; The Black Bear Festival is coming up.
- Sandy Moore: The Leesburg Chamber held a teacher breakfast. The Golf Splash and Business Expo will be held in November.
- Sue Kelly: A business expo will be held of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Colleen McGinley: The Chamber will hold a business expo on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Jerry Cobb (for Eustis): The Eustis Chamber will be moving locations.

## 7. Alliance Partnership Reports

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### Business Opportunity Centers

- No Report

### MPO

- No report

### Lake County Commission

- Leslie Campione reported on Economic Development for the County Commission. The Wekiva Parkway will complete construction by 2019; one connection is already completed. The Wekiva Trail will be incorporated into the Parkway. Lake County has seven of the top fishing lakes in Florida. Hickory Point is bringing in volleyball tournaments. There is interest in a rowing facility in Minneola. Finally, Lake County has joined Keep America Beautiful, which will focus on keeping up the aesthetics of Lake County.

### Lake County School Board

- Bill Mathias reported that Lake County had a good start to school. The school board is grateful for the Alliance's vote on the Penny Sales Tax.

### Lake County Economic Development & Tourism

- Adam Sumner reported that Economic Development is out of the incubator business.

### HBA of Lake & Sumter Counties

- Carolyn Maimone introduced her replacement for the HBA.

**Be Free Lake**  
- Debi McIntyre reported on the upcoming community resource and career fair.

**League of Cities (LOC)**  
- Jim Myers reported for the League of Cities. The Lake County League of Cities thanks the Alliance for their support on the Penny Sales Tax. The League encourages chambers to educate their members on the tax.

**Capital Facilities Funding Advisory Committee (CFAC)**  
- Jim Miller reported the school presented an impact fee study.

**CareerSouce Central Florida (CSCF)**  
- No report.

**Legislators Reports**  
- Jennifer Wiley reported that Representative Metz is looking forward to seeing the delegation from Lake County during Lake Legislative Days.

**Library Foundation of Lake County**  
No report

8. **Adjournment**  
Don Marx moved to adjourn at 8:45 a.m.

9. **Next Meeting**  
Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8:00 a.m. at LSSC, Building M

Submitted by Hannah DuShane, Lake County Chamber Alliance Recording Secretary

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