



Draft of April Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call at 3:00 p.m.

Mike Bjork (phone), Kellie Sexton , Nikki Hebert, Jonny Waara,
Rick Kinsey, Mark Bromley

Absent: Katie Clark, Rick Kent, Chris Thompson, Becky Waters

Note: There was a quorum to vote on the hiring of the Chamber Director but not to vote on other agenda items.

II. Visitor Comments:

Jeff Ofsdahl – No comments

III. Agenda Approval: Vote deferred for lack of a quorum.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Vote deferred for lack of a quorum.

V. Financial Report

Mark presented the March financials and highlighted revenue from Iron River Township and InvestUP. He explained that Chamber dues are on pace from last year at this time and that the campground is approximately 30% booked.

VI. Old Business

I. Seasonal Office Assistant: Mark stated that he and Louisa have interviewed two candidates and will be making a decision and extending an offer in the coming weeks.

VII. New Business

I. **Stakeholders' Meetings:** Mark attended meetings for the City of Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls Township, County Board of Commissioners, Hematite Township, and Bates Township, gave ICECA updates, thanked them for their past support, and asked them to continue their support.

Mark noted that County Commissioner Jeff Ofsdahl suggested that the County would be willing to provide ICECA funding if they were provided with "Pillars" for the organization. A meeting has been arranged with Jeff, Katie, and Mark on April 27th

to discuss this. Mark noted that Hematite Township is willing to provide funding as long as the County commits to do it.

II. **Fungus Fest:** Since CFBA was willing to plan the event, Mark asked that the ICECA provide funding from the tiered sponsorship dollars that were collected last year. Vote was deferred due to lack of a quorum. Mark suggested that planning can begin, and he would share the file used by Erika for previous events with the CFBA. Once a budget is determined, Mark will bring it back for a vote.

III. **Restaurant Revitalization Grant:** Mark provided an update on the grant and explained that he was waiting for details to be announced.

IV. **Chamber Director Recommendation:** Rick Kinsey made a motion to accept the recommendation, and Kellie Sexton seconded it. Roll call vote: Waara – yes, Kinsey – yes, Hebert – yes, Bjork – yes, Sexton – yes. Mark will present the contract to the candidate and arrange a start date to be no later than May 15, 2021.

VIII.Trustee Comments: None

IX. Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Crystal Falls City Hall.