



## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 14, 2014

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Town Talk Restaurant, Cambridge

PURPOSE: Business and Member Meeting

The Executive Committee of the South Platte United Chambers of Commerce met January 14, 2014 at the Town Talk Restaurant in Cambridge, Nebraska prior to the dinner and speaker, Craig Schroeder, Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Members present: Rex Nelson, Betty Sayers, Kevin Poppe, Monica Leuking-Crowe.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President pro-temp, Rex Nelson.

President Pro Temp Nelson called for additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved as read. The December Executive Committee met via a conference call in December, and records of the minutes are unavailable for the December meeting. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Cash on hand is \$16,000. Invoices were presented and the Committee members agreed to pay them.

### Legislative Forum

Discussion was opened on the February, March, April and May meetings. We spoke about contacting speakers and sending invitations to Nebraska Senate candidates, U.S. Senate Candidates, U.S. House of Representative candidates and Nebraska Gubernatorial candidates. The South Platte United Chambers of Commerce invites the candidates to speak in an open forum format including questions from the audience during both the March and April meetings. The Committee agreed to ask Jean Issler to send the invitations to the candidates. We will ask Tom Hastings to assist Ashely Rice-Gerlach as she plans the July golf tournament to be in Cambridge at Cross Creek Golf Links.

### Open Discussion topics

Members conversed about changing the format of the monthly business meeting from prior to the social hour, dinner and speaker to conference call format on Monday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We are examining ways to lessen the time commitment for the Executive Board members and others who want to participate in the business meetings on the South Platte meeting days. Members present agreed that the change would be easy to arrange and business could be managed on conference call format. Decision to change the meeting format was tabled until the February meeting.

### Legislative Issues

President pro-temp, Nelson asked members to identify the legislative issues of importance to them. The issue of water for irrigation during a draught time in south central and southwest Nebraska was raised.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Sayers, Secretary