

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - 8:45 AM

Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Joan Kruzich.

Roll Call -

- Board Present: Burt Mason, Debbie Stouffer, Joan Kruzich, Stacy Froese, Cielle Waters-Umfleet (Zoom), Nicole Acciacca (phone)
- Board Excused: Danielle Reeves, Chris Davidson, Nathan Grave
- Board Absent: Cody Mayer, Daniel Mares
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen

Guests and Visitors - None

Consent Agenda -

Agenda 10/08/25, Minutes 9/10/25

Discussion: Additions and corrections to agenda - Action item (A) Baraga County Trails in Motion, Discussion item (F) Bowling.

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda with two additions by Joan Kruzich, supported by Burt Mason. All in favor.

Board Training - None

Support Staff Report -

- ATV ride was a success. Sold out. Income and expenses were presented. Further details will be discussed at the PLAN meeting.
- Lunch & Learn with Northern Initiatives, topic was business plans. There was one attendee.
- Boo on the Bay applesauce pouches were purchased. Preparing for 700 trick-or-treaters. Mary will give out treats. Dianne will assist.

Action Items -

A. Baraga County Trails in Motion

Discussion: BCTIM is preparing to create a 501 C (3) and they asked if they could use the Chamber's address as their physical location. The second request was for the Chamber to accept money for deposit on their behalf. The Chamber is 501 C (6) and does not have tax deductible status. Nicole asked if there was a legal issue with allowing the Chamber's address to be used.

Action: Motion to allow Baraga County Trails in Motion to use the Chamber's physical address as their place of business by Burt Mason, supported by Stacy Froese. All in favor.

Discussion Items -

- A. 2026 Budget - reviewed line items for which changes need to be made for 2026. Dianne will share the details with Nathan. 2026 budget needs to be approved at the November Board Meeting. The request was made for the Chamber to allocate additional dollars to donations. Differences between the amounts budgeted as listed in the YTD and the monthly reports were discussed and proration was decided to account for the discrepancies.
- B. Dynamo grants - The committee received and reviewed six applications. NMB Industrial LLC was selected to receive a \$2,000 Dynamo grant. Joan will arrange for a presentation. Dianne will take photos and issue a news release. Mary will mail USPS physical letters to all applicants.
- C. Membership update - Dianne and Debbie will reach out to those members that have not yet renewed. 119 paid and free members and 22 still pending.
- D. Bingo equipment - Dianne did not go further than an internet search of Michigan vendors. Higgins seems to be the vendor closest to L'Anse.
- E. BOD photos - The website is being updated. Dianne will take Stacy's photo. Any directors who would like to update his or her photo, contact Dianne.
- F. Bowling - Burt gave a report on the bowling tournament his church ran. Ideas were offered by the BOD. Send to the PLAN meeting.

Committees Updates -

- Dynamo: See discussion item (B)..
- Next Gen: No report.
- PLAN: See notes in board packet.
- Membership: See discussion item (C).

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- KBOCC has no intern prospects for the fall semester. The Chamber's request stands..

Next Meeting - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Chamber conference room. Closed session at 8:30 AM. Open session at 8:45 AM.

Adjournment -

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM by Burt Mason, supported by Joan Kruzich. All in favor.