General Membership Meeting

Minutes 4.1.2026

12pm @ Ponderosa Banquet Room

- **Call to Order:** 12:08PM

- **Welcome!**

- **Clearwater County Economic Development Report – Susan Jacobson:**
  -Susan Jacobson out of office. Joe Pippenger reported for CCED.
  - Joe introduced CCED board and what they represent.
  - Clarified what CCED does and their role in Clearwater County.

- **Legislative Report – ~~Chris Goetz:~~ Vincent Fraizer**
  - Discussed Big Beautiful Bill and tax concerns for 2025.
  - New law requires all bathroom facilities to be clearly marked "male" or "female". Individuals must use the correct bathroom by the gender they are assigned at birth.
  - Schools will not utilize 60 seconds of silence at the beginning of each school day.
  - House bill 511. Increasing the structure surcharge levied on improved private forest land parcels, by raising the cap from $10 to a max of $100 per parcel. Funds collected are utilized by forest protective associations to work on hazardous fuel reduction projects and firefighting efforts.
  - Anyone with a convicted sex offense is required to reside 500 feet from a daycare/school setting.
  - Discussed resort tax to offset costs. These are funds (2%) given back to the community in which they were collected from.
  - With an increase in population, police forces are looking for ways to increase police presence in communities.
- **President Report:**
  ~ New Board members
  - Kim Johnson, President
  - Lessie Roughton, Vice President
  - Brandee Constentino, Pierce Representative
  - Nikki Mattoon, Weippe Representative
  - Heather Storms, Orofino Representative
  - Emily Simmons, Secretary/Treasurer
  - Malia Erlewine, Past President
  - Chantel Ballew
  - Cheryl Hurst
  - Stephanie Crocket
  - Ashley Steinbruecker
  - Elk River Representative, vacant
  - Vacant

- **Executive Director Report:**

  ~ What has the director been up to this month?

- JoAnne continues to "scrub membership profiles" and update contact information.
- Meeting businesses and making more of a presence in the community.

~ Chamber Auction update:

- The main part of developing the auction is completed. Committee is now selling tickets. Tickets can be purchased online by scanning QR code, or in person at LCCU. Committee members are now soliciting donations.

~ New office location: 217 College Ave., Suite 18.

- The chamber's media contractor is on vacation. All social media websites will be updated with new location this coming Monday when she returns.

~ Concerns about new office ADA requirements and how we are accommodated to meet that.

- New office allows for accommodation for individuals not able to walk upstairs. These accommodations include a meeting space at the bottom of the stairs, as well as the chamber being "mobile". Meaning they can come to you. Because of these accommodations, the Chamber meets ADA compliance. DEBCO is currently working on making the upper-level offices more accessible. The Community will be informed as information is released.

- Guest Speaker: Lisa Grigg W/Department of Labor. Lisa will be discussing unemployment statistics, and prospect trends when looking for jobs.

- **<u>WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!</u>**

  ~ How can the chamber and community help you?

- **<u>Meeting Adjourned:</u>** 1:06PM

Thank you for coming!

Kim Johnson - 2026 President

JoAnne Lobo, Executive Director