**Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce Meeting Agenda**

**In Person at City** **Auditorium**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Mike Stoy – Chairperson, Dani Dykes – Vice Chairperson, Catherine Mullis Secretary – Treasurer, Rusty Lloyd – Past Chair, Ann Bennett, Lisa Chastain, Quincy Nobles, Brock Wilcher, Andy Call In, Mike Davis Call In.

**Absent:** Scott Cox, Henry Whitfield, Matt Fordham, Billy Yeomans, Steve Smith

**Recognition of Guests:** Richard Newbern, City of Cochran, James Tidwell, Times Journal Post, Eric Bisher Chamber member and Candidate for Sole Commissioner

**Welcome and Call to Order-Chair Mike Stoy**

**Approval of Minutes:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 Motion, Second and Board Consent

**Financial Report:** Motion Second and Board Consent

CDs: Citizens Bank around $65,000k with rate for a year at 0.55%

Citizens Bank around $82,000k rate is 1.65% due October 4, 2020

Balance Sheet: June and July 2020

**Membership Update**

**Information:**

Since Monday, May 4th our lobby hours for the public is:

Monday 8-5 Tuesday 8-5 Wednesday 8-12 Thursday 8-5 Friday 8-12

**2020 Chamber Business of the Month: It has been difficult to continue this program with COVID-19 and being limited staff.**

January – McDonald’s February – Paulk Landscaping

March – Dairy Queen April – Davis Propane

May – State Farm June – Food Depot Market Place

July – Bleckley County Hospital August – Heartland EMS

September – At Home Senior Living October

November December - None

2020 Business of the Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Chamber Business of the Month**:

January – Destiny Fitness February – Dykes Pharmacy

March – Back to the BASICS 101 April – Cochran Bank

May – Larry Sumner June – Cochran Hardware

July – Hon’s Automotive August – Needle n/a Haystack

September – Stevie’s Collision October – ABC Women’s Clinic

November – Scott’s Barbeque December – NONE

**2019 Business of the Year – Dykes Pharmacy**

**Discussion Items:**

Chairman Stoy – general comments

Review Bylaws for replacing current open position.

Digital Sign Project – Follow up with Police Chief Jeff Trawick.

Chamber Events in 2020 - **postpone** Country Fest and we have promoted on Facebook and in our newsletter and send an email directly to venders, entertainers, and supporters.

Legislative Breakfast - **Postpone** Motion, Second and Board Consent

Annual Banquet. Board discussed factors to from attendees’ confidence, sponsorship level, participation, and support. Currently, Middle Georgia State University has a 50-person limit for groups and all request must be approved to use the facility for any events. Board made Motion (Lisa), Second (Dani) and Board Consent to postpone until 2021.

Copier – On August 17, 2020, the new machine was installed.

Thursday, September 17th Mobile Food Pantry – Volunteers needed and would be appreciated. Discussion on who is receiving the food supplies. Seems we are having some out of town residents coming to our food drive.

Fireworks inventory – Purchased for Country Fest 2019. Rusty and Brock to offer suggestions. Suggested to do fireworks after the game. Pending approval with Steve Smith.

Hotel Motel Tax – Approved at the August 11, 2020 Chamber Meeting. Chamber to present during City of Cochran Meeting 9/8 during Work Session.

Cochran Clean-up Day Saturday, September 19, 2020 – City of Cochran, DDA and Chamber sponsors event from 9 am until noon. Need Volunteers to help pick up litter and someone to do a welcome.

Please encourage others to complete their 2020 Census online! The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, deliver hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

Chamber Directors/DDA/City of Cochran/Guest/Staff update/comments

Statewide General Election is November 3, 2020. Advance/Early Voting will begin on October 12, 2020

Candidate Forum Update and Discussion – Set meeting for Sole Commissioner Candidates with Eric Bisher and Mike Davis for Friday 9/11 September at 9 am.

**Suggested Next Online Meeting Date:** Tuesday**,** October 13, 2020

**Adjourn -** Motion, Second and Board Consent