

**RICHMOND CIVIC & COMMERCE
MARCH 9, 2010
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The monthly meeting of the Richmond Civic & Commerce was called to order by President Randy Rothstein at 12:06 p.m.

The following members and guests were present: Pat Johnson, Duane Kuss, Andrea Nestor, Dean Koerner, Joyce Gretsch, Lynn Schurman, Jim Derosé, Mark Grosslein, Anita Reichert, Charlie Reichert, Scott Staska, Marilyn Zenner, Kevin Mooney, Kevin Ward, Jessica Hennen, Jennifer Shinn, Jim Hemmesch and Randy Rothstein.

A motion was made by Kevin Mooney, seconded by Anita Reichert, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

The monthly financial report was read by Jessica Hennen. A motion was made by Charlie Reichert, seconded by Pat Johnson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Randy Rothstein gave a marketing committee update. The value added promotion items were received and the promotion books are well underway. Over fifty members are involved in the book and we are anticipating having 5,000 books out to the public in middle to end of April 2010. At such time, businesses will be given their share of books to hand out and distribute. Blue grass festival promotion and button campaign will continue again this year. The marketing committee will be contacting members to ensure everyone is given the opportunity to participate. Kevin Ward is currently looking for a sponsor for the cost of the buttons, to hopefully increase the number of buttons available.

Kevin Mooney gave a Glacial Lakes Trail Pavilion update. Paver stones and candy bar sales are going well. The Richmond City Wide Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2010, this year will include a Walk-a-Thon and hazardous waste pickup. School children will be requested to raise money and be sponsored for the Walk-a-Thon, of which will be approximately a three mile track. All proceeds from the three activities will be donated to the Glacial Lakes Trail Pavilion fund. Kevin Mooney also stated a DNR grant has been completed and filed requesting to fund half of the construction cost of the pavilion, approximately \$38,000, deadline on this grant is March 31, 2010

Charlie Reichert gave an update on the 2010 Heart of Minnesota Fishing Tournament. Flyers have been completed and will be mailed out before the end of the month. Buttons and posters are currently being made and will be available at the April Civic & Commerce meeting.

Andrea Nestor spoke about the music in the park event. The Richmond EDA has formed a subcommittee entitled the Richmond Arts and Music Council. The committee is currently looking for three additional members. This committee was created to generate ideas and events that focus on arts and music that would be held in Richmond. Examples of surrounding towns and there events were given, for example, wheels, wings and water festival in St. Joe, craft fair in Little Falls, etc. Any and all interested individuals were asked to contact Andrea Nestor.

Duane Kuss gave an update on the ROCORI Area Bureau of Tourism and Rural Development project. This project's objective is to unite the three communities of ROCORI to promote and facilitate events together. The first meeting of this project will be held next month with two representatives from each community.

The attendance prize winner was Patti Platenberg, who was not in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Kevin Mooney, seconded by Anita Reichert, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Hennen
Secretary/Treasurer