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Attendance: **Robert Woolf**, Crop Innovations Inc - President
Bobby Gathercole, Grassroots Realty – 1st VP
Jack Van Rijn, 476380 Alberta Ltd. – 2nd VP
Leonard Fast, Leonard D. Fast Law – Corporate Secretary
Darcy Turner, Scotia Bank – Treasurer
Daryl Tonin, Stop N’ Go – Director
Clayton Varjassy, Cottonwood Records – Director
Jackie Pitstra, Coaldale Dental Centre – Member
Lisa Reis, **Bill Chapman**, **Jordan Sailer**, Town of Coaldale – Member
Yumara Coteron, **Jennifer Hartwick**, Green Acres Foundation – Member
Devin Phalen, ATB Financial – Member
Brad Sawka, Eden’s Funeral Home – Member
Troy Grainger, Community Futures – Member
Adam Price, Westland Insurance - Member

Regrets: **Jack Penner**, NAPA Auto – Director

Guests: **Colleen Van Raalte**, Executive Director
Doreen Lloyd, Community Participant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition or Deletions

MOTION

MSC: J. Pitstra / B. Gathercole

BIMT the membership approve the agenda.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGM Meeting – March 20, 2024

Names of Bobby Gathercole and Daryl Tonin need to be corrected.

MOTION

MSC: J. Van Rijn / Y. Coteron

BIMT the membership approve the AGM minutes of March 20, 2024 as amended.

Carried

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

-The goal of the chamber is to enhance business and better the community.

-Recently we hosted a job fair. The event went well with great participation and attendance.

-In August, The Chamber Board had a virtual meeting with The Alberta Chamber of Commerce (ACC) concerning the responsibilities of the board.

-ACC recently can down and hosted an in-person strategic planning session. One of the outcomes of this session was the implementation of a 30, 60 or 90 day rocks to help us to stay on track with our goals.

- This year's A&A banquet was a large success with a record number of guests in attendance.
- Our B2B networking meetings are going well. We hope to work on making improvements and providing other networking opportunities.
- The Chamber sponsored various town community events.
- To support local businesses and the economy in Southern Alberta, the Coaldale Chamber initiated quarterly meetings with smaller chambers in the region. The goal is to build relationships, share resources, and collaborate on initiatives that strengthen the local business community.
- On the political advocacy front, elections will be taking place this year, both federal and municipal. Stay tuned for information about our upcoming forms for these respective events.
- Membership levels continue to thrive.

MSC: R. Woolf / L. Fast

BIMT the membership adopts the president report as presented.

Carried

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 was an engaging year for our chamber. Expense wise we did see our community committee have an increase in spending. This was due to the chamber support of the Southern Alberta Summer Games at which we sponsored the new E-games. The chamber saw the value this would bring to the community and our businesses to be an event supporter. Our board agreed to increase the spending to cover the cost of \$7,500 to support the E games.

Our membership committee did use some other allocated funds to bring in a paid speaker for one of our business-to-business (B2B) meetings.

Going forward with our 2025 budget we have accounted for the fact there will be two elections. One municipal the other federal. An increase to the political advocacy committee was warranted to cover expenses related to hosting forums. They have been allocated \$5,000 for the year.

With some initiatives happening in our membership committee, we have increased their budget from \$1,000 to \$2,050.

Our community committee saw a decrease from the previous years but the budget for them is reflective of the events the chamber sponsors and participates in.

We look forward to engaging our community businesses and members in 2025.

MOTION

MCS: L. Fast / C. Varjassy

BIMT the membership adopts the treasurer's report as presented.

Carried

6. ELECTIONS

-Discussion took place as to who was willing to participate on the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce Board, as either a board of director or president.

MOTION

MSC: L. Fast / C. Varjassy

BIMT the Chamber members support the nomination and election of the following individuals to the position of Board Director:

- **For a two-year term: Bobby Gathercole, Jack Van Rijn, Darcy Turner and Devin Phalen.**
- **For a one-year term: Yumara Coteron and Leonard Fast.**

Carried

MOTION:

MSC: L. Fast / B. Gathercole

BIMT the Chamber supports the nomination and acclimation of Robert Woolf to the position of president for a two-year term.

Carried

- Robert thanks the membership for their nomination. He reiterates that the Chamber works together as a team and that he has received a lot of support from them.
- Devin Phalen is the manager at ATB Financial. He, along with his wife and child, has lived in Coaldale quite some time.
- Yumara Coteron has worked as a Manager at Sunny South Lodge for the Green Acers Foundation for many years. She has a background in business administration and is looking forward to participating with the Chamber in this new role.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

-Daryl Tonin thanks Robert for his years of service to the Coaldale Chamber and for his willingness to serve another term.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MS: D. Tonin

BIMT the AGM meeting of March 19, 2025 is adjourned.

Carried